

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-36

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, STRONGLY URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND BROWARD COUNTY TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL UNSAFE FLIGHT TRAFFIC AND FREQUENCY CONDITIONS AND PRODUCE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IDENTIFYING WAYS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PLANE CRASHES AT NORTH PERRY AIRPORT; RENEWING THE CITY COMMISSION’S REQUEST TO BROWARD COUNTY TO FUND, IMPLEMENT, AND PRODUCE FINDINGS OF A STUDY TO ASSESS THE LEAD CONCENTRATION LEVELS AT NORTH PERRY AIRPORT AND WITHIN THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, North Perry Airport (“HWO”) is operated by the Broward County Aviation Department (“BCAD”); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) is responsible for the safety of civil aviation including issuing regulations and standards covering the manufacturing, operations and maintenance of aircrafts; and

WHEREAS, North Perry Airport is an approximately 500-acre public-use general aviation airport that has four (4) fixed-base operators, 154 T-Hangers, over 200 tie-down spaces, eleven (11) flight training schools and over sixty (60) aviation-related businesses including aerial advertising operators, aircraft maintenance, aircraft engine maintenance, helicopter/airplane tours, and helicopter news operators; and

WHEREAS, the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower at HWO is the busiest federal contract facility in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, BCAD updated the North Perry Airport master plan through a public process in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a general aviation master plan serves as a comprehensive roadmap for the long-term development of an airport, guiding its growth and ensuring it can meet future aviation needs while adhering to safety standards and community goals as well as identifying facility needs and considering environmental and socioeconomic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the North Perry Airport Master Plan update, adopted in 2020, forecasted that by the year 2035 the airport would have approximately 255,000 annual operations (take-offs and landings); and

WHEREAS, operations in 2023 and 2024, far exceeded the 2035 forecast by reporting over 310,000 operations annually or over 850 operations per day; and

WHEREAS, forty-one (41) planes have crashed in and around North Perry Airport in the past five (5) years, resulting in several fatalities and significant property damage on the ground; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified North Perry Airport as one of the worst general aviation airports in the country when it comes to deadly lead emissions, with only four other airports generating more of the poisonous substance that was banned in automobile fuel decades ago because of its danger to humans, in particular children; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission formally requested in 2023 that Broward County conduct and produce the findings of a study assessing the lead concentration levels at North Perry Airport and the surrounding residential community, with the

passage of Resolution No. 3830, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, to date, the City has not received the results of such study and has no reason to believe that Broward County has conducted the requested study; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Pembroke Pines to strongly urge the FAA and BCAD to investigate the impact of the increased airport operations on flight safety conditions at North Perry Airport and related environmental impacts, as well as to renew its request to Broward County to conduct a study on the lead concentration levels in and around the North Perry Airport to identify measures and take actions that will protect residents and visitors of the surrounding area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Commission formally requests the Federal Aviation Administration and Broward County to investigate potential unsafe flight traffic and frequency conditions and produce findings and recommendations identifying ways to improve safety and reduce the number of plane crashes at North Perry Airport.

Section 3. The City Commission formally renews its request that Broward County conduct an air-quality study to determine the air pollution levels, including the lead concentration levels, present in and around the North Perry Airport and within the surrounding residential community.

Section 4. The City Commission requests that Broward County de-authorize the North Perry Airport Community Advisory Committee as an advisory board and replace it with a North Perry Airport Standing Oversight Committee with the authority to perform comprehensive reviews of the airport and its impact on the surrounding community;

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Bryan Bedford, Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, as well as Acting Regional Administrator Ryan Almasy and Acting Deputy Regional Administrator Elisabeth Smeda.

Section 6. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Mayor, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and the Broward County Administrator.

Section 7. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE
PINES, FLORIDA, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.**

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By:_____

MAYOR ANGELO CASTILLO

DEBRA ROGERS, CITY CLERK

CASTILLO _____

HERNANDEZ _____

GOOD _____

RODRIGUEZ _____

SCHWARTZ _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY