

2020 RES-323

EXTENDING THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY REGARDING PANDEMIC RELATED GRANTS AND SHORT-TERM CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS TO SUPPORT AIRPORT TENANTS, OPERATORS AND CONCESSIONAIRES IN MAINTAINING OPERATIONS AT THE DANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

The coronavirus pandemic continues to have an ongoing impact on virtually every facet of our lives, and remains a worldwide public health emergency. As governments, businesses, and families continue to curtail travel and gatherings, the Dane County Regional Airport (the "Airport") and the many firms and individuals working in the air travel industry at the Airport are enduring a serious and prolonged decline in demand for air travel related goods and services. As the pandemic persists, Airport tenants, operators, and concessionaires continue to experience a drastic downturn in retail sales, restaurant business, and rental car demand. Additionally, building owners and tenants in the Airport administered Truax Air Park remain subject to shortfalls in business and rental income that threaten their ability to make timely payments under their leases with Dane County.

As the pandemic lingers, so do its impacts. As is the case throughout the air travel industry, tenants, operators, and concessionaires at the Airport have requested accommodations to mitigate the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, such as short-term rent adjustment, premises modifications, or other accommodations. Through the authority of a now expired resolution of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, the Airport Director has granted some requested pandemic based temporary accommodations, but other requests are anticipated as the effects of the pandemic persist.

Airport management has determined that further limited short-term financial adjustments may be appropriate in some circumstances so that Airport tenants, operators, and concessionaires can remain solvent, keep their workers actively employed, and be available to provide necessary services when Airport passenger levels return to pre-crisis levels.

Additionally, in the event that Congress determines that the ongoing Covid-19 related economic disruption to the nation's airports calls for renewed monetary support, Dane County and the Airport would be well served if the Airport Director retained the ability to avoid the County's sometimes lengthy approval process and directly submit grant applications and documentation in a timely manner.

Any accommodations made for tenants or applications made for funding will be listed and reported to the Airport Commission.

40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby
41 renews and extends, until 12/31/2021, the authority of the Airport Director to approve and execute
42 on behalf of Dane County documents granting short term waivers or accommodations related to
43 contractual provisions that the Airport Director determines to be appropriate due to conditions
44 arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and affecting Airport tenants, operators, and concessionaires;
45 and

46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Airport Director is hereby authorized to prepare, approve,
47 and execute on behalf of Dane County applications, certifications and documentation related to
48 obtaining aid and funding for the Airport that may become available under governmental
49 enactments and programs providing relief from the economic disruption caused by the
50 coronavirus pandemic.

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52 **APPROVED:**

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59 Scott McDonell
60 Dane County Clerk

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