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An Ordinance No. 40 - 2025

MODIFYING Chapter 402, "Airport," by **AMENDING** Section 402-24, "Lunken Airport Use Fees," to authorize the City Manager to establish fees for the landing, parking, and mooring of aircraft, and for special events, at Lunken Airport.

WHEREAS, fees are an existing means Lunken Airport uses to recover costs and expenses it directly and indirectly incurs in connection with the landing, parking, and mooring of aircraft, and for special events, at Lunken Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Municipal Code currently establishes specific fees for Lunken Airport, but the fees have not been updated since 1999, do not reflect the current structure and best practices for airports, and the existing fee framework has not proved flexible enough to enable Lunken Airport to recover the full cost and expense for the landing, parking, and mooring of aircraft, for special events, and other uses; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to establish a clear, dynamic, and effective framework for Lunken Airport's fees by authorizing the City Manager to establish fees that recover the costs and expenses associated with the landing, parking, and mooring of aircraft, and for special events, at Lunken Airport; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That existing Section 402-24, "Lunken Airport Use Fees," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402-24. - Lunken Airport Use Fees.

~~Any person operating a scheduled or non-scheduled commercial flight using Lunken Airport shall pay to the city of Cincinnati a fee based on the licensed standard gross weight of the aircraft, as follows:~~

LANDING FEES

| Gross Takeoff Weight | Piston | Turbo Prop | Jet |
|-----------------------|--------|------------|-----|
| Multi-Engine to 5,999 | \$4.55 | N/A | N/A |
| 6,000 to 7,999 | 5.20 | \$ 5.85 | N/A |
| 8,000 to 9,999 | 5.85 | 6.50 | N/A |
| 10,000 to 11,999 | 6.50 | 7.15 | N/A |

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| 12,000 to 14,999 | 7.80 | 8.45 | \$ 10.40 |
| 15,000 to 17,999 | 8.45 | 9.10 | 11.70 |
| 18,000 to 25,999 | 9.10 | 9.75 | 13.00 |
| 26,000 to 33,999 | 9.75 | 10.40 | 14.30 |
| 34,000 to 41,999 | 10.40 | 11.05 | 15.60 |
| 42,000 to 49,999 | 14.30 | 17.55 | 20.80 |
| 50,000 to 65,999 | 20.80 | 24.05 | 26.00 |
| 66,000 to 74,999 | 27.30 | 30.55 | 33.80 |
| 75,000 and over | 33.80 | 37.05 | 39.00 |

(a) ~~Use for Landing:~~ Fees shall be paid for using Lunken Airport for the first landing of each aircraft in any one calendar day. Such fees shall be collected by either the city or by persons authorized by the director. When collections are made by authorized persons, such persons shall keep accurate records of such collections subject to audit by the city and such persons shall make monthly reports of collections and shall pay 70 percent of total collections to the city; reports and payments shall be made on or before the 10th day of the next subsequent month. When collections are made by the city, fees may be billed on the first of each month for the operations of the previous month and shall be due and payable within 10 days. Fees shall not be applicable to scheduled air carriers operating under certificates of convenience and necessity, issued under the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, and under a contract with the City of Cincinnati for the use of the field. Likewise, fees shall not be applicable to aircraft based at Lunken Airport nor to governmental aircraft.

~~An operation will be considered commercial when either revenue passengers or cargo, or both are loaded or discharged at Lunken Airport.~~

(b) ~~Parking Aircraft:~~ Fees shall be paid for each use of non-leased areas for parking of aircraft. Such fees shall be collected by the city or by persons authorized by the director. When collections are made by authorized persons, such persons shall keep accurate records of such collections subject to audit by the city and such persons shall make monthly reports of collections and shall pay 70 percent of total collections to the city; reports and payments must be made on or before the 10th day of the next subsequent month. When collections are made by the city, fees may be billed on the first of each month for the operations of the previous month and shall be due and payable within 10 days. Fees shall not be applicable to based aircraft for which provision has been made with the director for a monthly rate; fee shall not be applicable to governmental aircraft.

(c) ~~Aircraft Parking Areas and Fees~~ are as follows:

~~Parking Area "A" is adjacent to the administration building consisting of the area shown as Parking Area "A" on the plat approved by and on file with the director.~~

~~The following fees shall apply to aircraft parked over night during the 10-hour period from 10 p.m. till 8 a.m. and shall apply for each subsequent 10-hour overnight period.~~

PARKING FEES

| Gross Takeoff Weight | Piston | Turbo Prop | Jet |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| Multi-Engine to 5,999 | \$ 6.50 | N/A | N/A |
| 6,000 to 7,999 | 6.50 | N/A | N/A |
| 8,000 to 9,999 | 6.50 | \$ 6.80 | N/A |
| 10,000 to 11,999 | 6.50 | 6.80 | N/A |
| 12,000 to 14,999 | 7.15 | 7.45 | \$ 7.80 |
| 15,000 to 17,999 | 7.80 | 8.10 | 8.45 |
| 18,000 to 25,999 | 7.80 | 8.45 | 9.10 |
| 26,000 to 33,999 | 8.10 | 9.75 | 10.40 |
| 34,000 to 41,999 | 8.10 | 9.75 | 10.40 |
| 42,000 to 49,999 | 10.40 | 11.15 | 11.70 |
| 50,000 to 65,999 | 11.70 | 12.35 | 13.00 |
| 66,000 to 74,999 | 13.00 | 13.65 | 14.30 |
| 75,000 and over | 15.60 | 16.25 | 16.90 |
| All Single Engine Aircraft | 6.50 | 6.50 | 6.50 |

Parking Area "B" consists of all other non-leased land areas at Lunken Airport. The following fees shall apply to aircraft parked overnight during the 10-hour period from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. and shall apply for each subsequent 10-hour overnight period:

| Weight of Aircraft | Fees |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Up to 12,499 lbs | \$ 4.00 |
| 12,500 to 34,999 lbs. | 6.00 |
| 35,000 to 55,000 lbs. | 8.00 |
| Over 55,000 lbs. | 10.00 |

(d) ~~Mooring Fees for Lighter than Air Airship Operations: Any person mooring a lighter than air airship at Lunken Airport shall pay to the City of Cincinnati a mooring fee of \$50.00 per 24-hour period or any part thereof per airship moored.~~

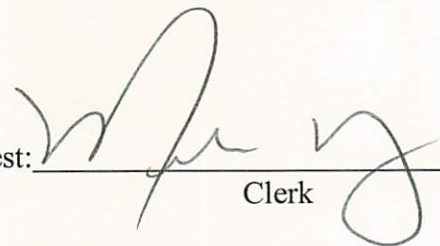
(e) ~~Tie-down Fees: Any person conducting a service of tying down aircraft may be permitted by the city to use a defined area of non-leased land for conducting said tie-down service.~~

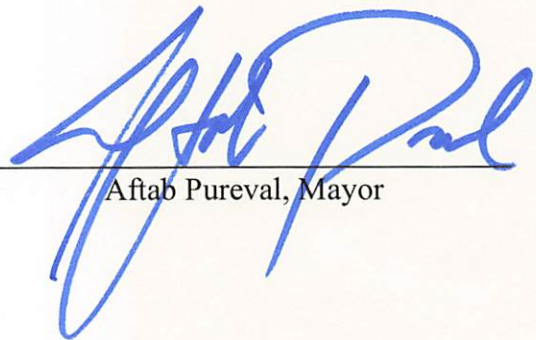
Any person conducting a service of tying down aircraft on non-leased land shall pay to the city \$5 per aircraft per night up to a maximum of \$55 per aircraft per month. Each person operating such tie-down service on non-leased land shall keep accurate records subject to audit by the city and such persons shall make monthly reports of collections and make payments on or before the 10th day of every month for the operations of the preceding month.

- (a) **Airport Usage Fees and Charges.** To ensure compliance with federal grant assurances, and to make Lunken Airport as financially self-sustaining as possible, the city manager or the city manager's designee is authorized to establish and charge landing fees, aircraft and vehicle parking fees, tie-down fees, mooring fees and special event fees in a fair and reasonable amount necessary to recover the costs and expenses incurred by Lunken Airport, or estimated to be incurred by Lunken Airport, in connection with the use of the airport's facilities by third parties. The city manager shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the fees and charges to be collected. The city manager shall make the fees and charges along with the rules and regulations available on the city's website and the website for Lunken Airport.
- (b) **Exempt from Fees.** The city manager shall exempt aircraft based at Lunken Airport from the payment of landing fees. The city manager shall exempt any federal, state, or local government aircraft from the fees and charges.

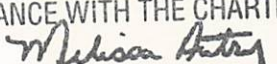
Section 2. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the City Manager to establish and promulgate fees and charges for Lunken Airport so that the City may begin to recover the full cost and expense of the use of Lunken Airport at the earliest possible date.

Passed: March 5, 2025

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 40-2025
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 3/18/2025

CLERK OF COUNCIL