

APPENDIX B: LAND USE GUIDELINES

As part of the 2010 Idaho Aviation System Plan (IASP), the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Division of Aeronautics (ITD Aeronautics) developed the *Idaho Airport Land Use Guidelines* (Land Use Guidelines or Guidelines). These guidelines were published to help airports, airport owners/sponsors, local planning and zoning officials, policymakers, and the general public understand land use compatibility and height restrictions, as well as their affiliated state and federal statutory obligations. ITD Aeronautics subsequently updated the Guidelines in 2016.¹

The Land Use Guidelines provide information about best practices associated with developing and implementing effective compatible land use measures around airports and within communities. ITD Aeronautics also established minimum zoning ordinance standards that must be met by a local political subdivision or agency. These standards address specific land uses (e.g., residential development, industrial land uses that cause



emissions, landfills, etc.), height controls, noise impacts, lighting, wildlife attractants, obstruction marking and lighting, and other elements of land use compatibility planning. Appendix B of the Guidelines provides a model zoning ordinance for Idaho cities and towns to consider when developing and implementing their own zoning ordinances.

Additionally, Idaho Senate Bill (SB) 1265 (effective July 1, 2014) amended Idaho Code Title 21, Chapter 5, Airport Zoning Act, and Title 67, Chapter 65, Local Land Use Planning, to require more proactive land use compatibility planning through the local comprehensive planning process. As further discussed in 2020 IASP Update *Chapter 6: Supplemental System Context*, Idaho Code Section 67-6508 (q) requires cities and counties to prepare a Public Airport Facilities section of their local comprehensive plans. The Public Airport Facilities section should outline details for the financing, protection, maintenance, operation, and long-term growth and development of the airport.

To provide guidelines for cities and counties in the preparation of the Public Airport Facilities section of their comprehensive plans, ITD Aeronautics developed a further addition to the Land Use Guidelines known as the Draft Guide for Comprehensive Plan – Section Q – Airports (dated October 18, 2018).

The Land Use Guidelines and *Draft Guide for Comprehensive Plan – Section Q – Airports* are both available for download via the links below.

Key Guidance Documents Available Online

Idaho Airport Compatible Guidelines https://itd.idaho.gov/wp-content/Aero/Publications/LandUse_Guidelines.pdf

Draft Guide for Comprehensive Plan – Section Q – Airports http://idahoapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/ITD-Assistance-with-Section-Q-of-Comp-Plan.pdf

¹ T-O Engineers, Inc. (July 2016). Idaho Airport Land Use Guidelines. Available online at

https://itd.idaho.gov/wp-content/Aero/Publications/LandUse_Guidelines.pdf (accessed December 2019).



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