

9-0202. - Landing and takeoff of aircraft at unauthorized airports, helipads, or other unauthorized locations prohibited.

- (1) Except as otherwise permitted herein, it is unlawful for any person, operator, corporation, association or firm to cause or permit the landing or takeoff of any aircraft within the city limits of Grand Forks except at an authorized helipad, airport or other locations approved by the city council.
- (2) The prohibition under this section shall not apply to the landing or takeoff of aircraft at heliports or airports authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration or the city council nor shall this section apply to the use, training or demonstration involving aircraft for law enforcement, emergency, military or medical purposes nor shall the prohibition under this section apply to aircraft utilized for educational, demonstrative or research purposes at the University of North Dakota. Further, the prohibition under this section shall not apply to such other landings or takeoffs at locations approved by the city council.
- (3) In considering any application or request for authorization of locations for the landing or takeoff of aircraft in the city limits, the city council shall consider anticipated weather conditions, the existence of obstructions, size of proposed location, the proximity of the landing and/or takeoff location to schools, residential areas, commercial areas or structures, proximity to roadways, proposed landing surfaces, hours of operation, noise, and any other condition or circumstance to determine whether the proposed landing or takeoff location may be hazardous to property or unreasonably endanger persons or otherwise be detrimental to the health, safety, comfort, convenience and welfare of the public.
- (4) Any landing or takeoff location authorized by the city council shall be utilized in conformance with the terms of any such conditions or requirements that are imposed by the city council in its discretion.
- (5) For purposes of this section aircraft means any device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air, including, but not limited to, airplanes, gliders, ultralight aircraft, blimps, jets, hot-air balloons, helicopters, parachutes, and unmanned aerial vehicles/unmanned aircraft systems weighing more than fifty-five (55) pounds. The term "aircraft" however shall not include unmanned aerial vehicles, unmanned aircraft systems or model aircraft which are not designed, intended nor capable of carrying persons and which weigh fifty-five (55) pounds or less.

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