

St. Mary's County Regional Airport Rules

10 August 2019: The Airport Advisory Board is in the process of revising the County proposed documents released in December 2018. The County proposed an Airport Rules document as a County Ordinance with a companion Standard Operating Procedures, and a Minimum Standards for Businesses conducting Aeronautical Services. Those December 2018 documents generated significant public input. The Board has labored since January to consider the public input and rewrite the three documents to incorporate the public input. The Board considers its rewrite of these three documents to be largely complete, and is posting them for public viewing and comment. The Board had previously posted its earlier Drafts of the Rules and SOP on the AAB webpage at <https://tinyurl.com/AAB2W6> or <https://www.stmarysmd.com/boards/groups/default.aspx?board=8>. The Board has made minor changes to the April 2019 Draft Rules and May 2019 Draft SOP documents to harmonize the three documents. The Board will consider public comment received for further revision prior to providing "smooth" documents to the County for adoption.

Therefore, the Board requests Feedback on these three documents so that the Board can ascertain they are acceptable to the community and can then forward the documents to the County for adoption. **Feedback is requested no later than Friday 6 September 2019 at 4:00 pm** so that the Board can consider, and if warranted, implement that feedback prior to their 23 September meeting and vote. Feedback can be provided to the Board at aac2w6@outlook.com

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SECTION I GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The St Mary's County Regional Airport shall be conducted as a public air facility for the promotion and accommodation of civil aviation and associated activities. St. Mary's County will equally support the development of commerce at the airport, and the private and recreational use of the airport, to the benefit of flying and non-flying citizens.

This Ordinance (the Airport "Rules"), governs the management, control and use of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport (Airport). Its purpose is to maintain order and protect the safety of the public and tenants of the Airport. It is intended to be reasonable, non-arbitrary and non-discriminatory, and shall be abided by and observed by all persons. St. Mary's County (County) reserves the right to deny use of the Airport to any person who is judged to be endangering the public's safety, health, or welfare. Pursuant to the authority defined by the *Transportation Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* (COMAR) and federal law and regulation, the governing public body of any publicly owned airport may adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the parking and movement of vehicles, public safety, and the preservation of order at the Airport.

In addition to the requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), the County may promulgate such rules and regulations, orders and instructions as are necessary in the administration of this chapter. Therefore, these Rules will be augmented by a *Standard Operating Procedures* document and *Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Service Providers* document as detailed in paragraph G.

B. DEFINITIONS.

All words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the following meaning, unless the context requires otherwise. All definitions contained within the Federal Aviation Regulations Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) apply.

Aircraft Per 14 CFR 1.1, a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air.

Airport means the St. Mary's County Regional Airport and all of the property, buildings, facilities and improvements within the boundaries of said Airport as it presently exists or as it may hereinafter be extended, enlarged, or modified.

Airport Manager means the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, or person designated by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to oversee the day to day management and development of the Airport.

Airport Operations Area means the area of the Airport used or intended to be used for landing and takeoff, or the surface maneuvering of Aircraft, including the associated hangars and navigation and communication facilities.

Apron (or Ramp) means a defined area on an Airport intended to accommodate Aircraft for the purposes of parking, loading and unloading of passengers or cargo, refueling, or maintenance.

Business means any person or business entity that is offering commercial aeronautical services.

Fixed Base Operator (FBO) means a Business subject to the provisions of a lease acting as a gateway to and from the County who provides line services to transient and based aircraft, provides flight planning and crew lounge facilities, and facilitates the embarking and debarking of passengers. It may also engage in other aeronautical services such as fuel sales (to include fueling), service, renting, or leasing of new or used aircraft, parts, aircraft accessories and hardware, repair, overhauling, and modification of general aviation aircraft and/or aircraft equipment, including the conduct of charter flight service, aerial photography and flight schools.

Hazardous Material means any hazardous or toxic substance, waste or material the presence of which requires investigation, removal, or remediation under any federal, state or local statute, regulation, ordinance, order, action, policy or common law;

Incursion means any occurrence at the Airport involving the incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle, or Person, on the protected area of a surface designated for the landing and takeoff of aircraft.

Operator means the person, firm or corporation in possession of an Aircraft or vehicle or any person who has rented such for the purpose of operation by him/herself or an agent.

Permission or Permit means permission granted by the Airport unless otherwise specifically provided herein.

Taxi-Lane means a dual use area for transit of vehicles and aircraft.

Vehicle means a device, upon or by which a person or property is or may be propelled, moved, or drawn except any device moved by human power.

Weapon means any device capable of inflicting death or bodily harm to an individual or destroying property as defined by the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), including but not limited to, a firearm, knife, metal knuckles, razor, or any explosive device.

C. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

Unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary, these rules of construction shall apply to these Rules:

1. Words importing the singular number include the plural number, and words importing the plural number include the singular number

2. Words of the masculine gender include the correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.
3. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not discretionary.
4. References to activities at the Airport include activities which are related to the Airport whether they occur on the ground or in the air.
5. References to persons and aeronautical service providers participating in aeronautical activities at the Airport do not include:
 - a. Passengers in any Aircraft or visitors to the Airport, in either case, who are not participating in an aeronautical activity, or
 - b. Aircraft operators that are not based at the Airport.

D. COUNTY HELD HARMLESS.

1. The privilege of using the Airport and its facilities, shall be conditioned on the assumption by the user of full responsibility and risk for such use, and the user thereof releases and agrees to hold the County and its officers and employees harmless, and to indemnify them from any liability or loss resulting from the use. The County assumes no responsibility or liability for loss, injury or damage to persons or property on the Airport or using Airport facilities, including but not limited to fire, vandalism, wind, flood, earthquake, nor does it assume any liability by reason of injury to person or property while using the facilities of same.
2. This does not apply for issues affirmatively caused by the County.

E. ACCIDENT REPORTING AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

1. Any person causing or liable for, any damage to Airport property, shall be required to pay the County or Property Owner on demand the full cost of repairs to the damaged property. Any person causing or being responsible for injury, destruction, damage or disturbance shall report such damage to the Airport Manager and is liable for the full amount of the damage.
2. Persons involved in Aircraft accidents occurring at the Airport shall make a full report hereof to the Airport Manager as soon as is possible after the accident per the *Standard Operating Procedures*. For the purposes of this section, an Aircraft accident shall include any event involving an Aircraft and a motor vehicle, other Aircraft, person or stationary object with results in property damage, personal injury or death.
4. Every pilot, aircraft owner, operator shall be responsible for the prompt removal of any disabled Aircraft or parts thereof, as directed by the Airport Manager, subject to accident investigation requirements.

F. AIRPORT OPERATION

1. The Airport will be open to all Aircraft 24 hours a day, every day of the year, provided that the Airport may be closed when the County, FAA, MAA or Airport Manager determines that an unsafe condition exists. The Airport may remain closed until the unsafe condition has been corrected or no longer exists.
2. No person shall conduct any Aircraft operations to or from the Airport except in conformity with all FAA and MAA regulations, these Airport Rules, and the *Standard Operating Procedures* promulgated by the Airport Manager.

G. AIRPORT MANAGER

1. The Airport Manager is responsible for the overall management and operation of the Airport. The Airport Manager is authorized to take all reasonable actions necessary to protect and safeguard both County property and the public at the Airport, and to oversee all Airport operations for compliance with these Rules. The Airport Manager shall have the right to cause to be ejected from the Airport premises, any individual, vehicle or Aircraft Operator guilty of violation of any provisions of these Rules. Such persons shall have the right to appeal the ejection to the County.
2. Any Aircraft or vehicle which has been parked in any unauthorized space may be removed or caused to be removed by the Airport Manager at the Owner's expense.
3. The Airport Manager will use reasonable efforts to coordinate tenant activities to avoid conflict, and is authorized to approve or withhold approval for all Special Events and Permits.
4. The Airport Manager, with the concurrence of the Airport Advisory Board, shall develop changes to the *Standard Operating Procedures* and promulgate, administer, and enforce the *Standard Operating Procedures*. The County Administrator may approve changes without regard to the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Board.
5. The Airport Manager, with the concurrence of the Airport Advisory Board, shall develop, administer, promulgate, and enforce the *Minimum Standards for Businesses Providing Aeronautical Services to the Public*. The County Administrator may approve changes without regard to the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Board.
6. To the extent necessary to protect its rights and interests, or to investigate compliance with the terms of a lease and the Airport Rules, the County, the Director of Public Works and Transportation, its Attorney, its Law Enforcement Officers and the Airport Manager shall have the right to inspect at all reasonable times all Airport premises together with all structures or improvements.

SECTION II OPERATING RULES

H. PERSONAL CONDUCT

1. Signs, fences, and barricades shall be observed and obeyed.
2. No person(s), singly or in association with others, shall prevent any other person or persons lawfully entitled thereto from the use and enjoyment of the Airport and its facilities or any part thereof, or prevent any other person or persons lawfully entitled thereto from moving from place to place or through entrances, exits or passageways on the Airport.
3. Powered and non-powered aviation support equipment shall be stored in a designated holding area when not in use, unless written permission has been granted by the Airport Manager to leave equipment on the airfield.
4. No person shall, without the owner's or lawful permission, interfere or tamper with an Aircraft parked or stored at the Airport.

I. GROUND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PARKING

1. Unless otherwise provided, all traffic laws of the State of Maryland shall apply to the streets, roads, vehicular parking areas, ramps, aprons and taxi-lanes at the Airport.
2. Only authorized County, construction, maintenance, fire-fighting equipment, ambulance and emergency vehicles or vehicles responding to an emergency, may drive on

- the runway or taxiway, or other than established streets, roads and parking areas on the Airport, unless associated with Aircraft operations. All vehicles shall give way to Aircraft.
3. Drivers accessing the airfield from a vehicle gate will not allow an unauthorized vehicle to enter the gate under the privileges of their proximity card reader.
 4. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour within the Aircraft environment to include the ramp, hangar area, and parking areas.
 5. No person shall park or stand a motor vehicle at any place on the Airport in violation of any sign posted by the Airport Manager, or within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant, or in a manner as to block any fire gate or entrance, road, or taxi-lane.
 6. Unless otherwise provided in a lease or other agreement, no person shall use any area of the Airport for the storage of trailer(s), without prior written permission of the Airport Manager.

J. AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

1. No person shall conduct any Aircraft operation at or over the Airport except in conformity to the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR), the Code of Maryland Regulations, these Rules and the *Standard Operating Procedures*.
2. No person shall park an Aircraft on any runway or taxiway at the Airport,
3. No person shall park or store an Aircraft at the Airport except in areas designated by the Airport Manager.
4. Aircraft Owners/Operators may perform maintenance, rebuilding and alteration in their hangar, leased area, tiedown, or other maintenance areas designated by the Airport Manager. Owners/Operators are cautioned to ensure that maintenance providers they might hire have the appropriate Permits and agreements to perform work on the airport and within one's hangar.
5. Amateur aircraft construction is an authorized activity within one's hangar.
6. Persons parking transient Aircraft overnight on terminal transient areas shall register their Aircraft with the FBO as soon as possible after landing at the Airport and pay appropriate tie-down fees.
7. All owners and operators who desire to base their Aircraft at the Airport shall register their Aircraft with the Airport Manager prior to beginning operations. Any change in ownership of the Aircraft shall be reported as soon as practical.
8. Leased hangars not used in accordance with FAA Hangar policies may be reassigned to others for aeronautical use.

K. POLLUTION, DISCHARGE, REFUSE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. Each person, while on Airport property, shall conduct their activities thereon in such a manner as not to cause littering or any other form of illegal pollution.
2. No person shall dispose of garbage, used oil, papers, refuse, waste, or other forms of trash, including cigarettes, cigars and matches, except in receptacles provided for such purpose.
3. No oils, petroleum or hazardous products, shall be placed in storm drains or intentionally allowed to drain into the grass or asphalt. Any spills shall be cleaned up with a Spill Kit and reported to the Airport Manager.
4. All Airport Operations Areas shall be kept Foreign Object Debris (FOD) free at all times and in such a manner as to minimize any hazards.
5. Fuel discharge created when aircraft fuel tanks are "sumped" shall not be dumped onto the ground or pavement.

L. FUELING

1. No person shall fuel or defuel an Aircraft while on Airport property when:
 - a. The Aircraft's engine is running or is being warmed by applying external heat;
 - b. The Aircraft is in a hangar or enclosed space.
2. No person shall knowingly start the engine of an Aircraft on the Airport if there is any gasoline or other volatile flammable liquid on the ground beneath sufficient quantity to cause a hazard.
3. No person shall operate a radio transmitter or receiver, or to switch electrical appliances on or off (except as required for fueling/defueling), in an Aircraft on the Airport while it is being fueled or defueled.
4. During the fueling of an Aircraft on the Airport, the dispensing apparatus and the Aircraft shall both be grounded.
5. Each person engaged in fueling or defueling on the Airport shall exercise care to prevent the overflow of fuel, and shall have readily accessible and adequate fire extinguishers.
6. During the fueling or defueling of an Aircraft on the Airport, no person shall, within fifty feet of that Aircraft, smoke or use any material that is likely to cause a spark or be a source of ignition.
7. Each hose, funnel or appurtenance used in fueling or defueling an Aircraft on the Airport shall be maintained in safe, sound and nonleaking condition and must be properly grounded to prevent ignition of volatile liquids.

M. ANIMALS

1. Pets shall be kept and controlled in accordance with State and County law.
2. No person other than acting in an official capacity shall hunt or trap animals on the airport operations area and the outdoor airport property.
3. No person shall feed or perform any other act to encourage the congregation of birds or other animals on the Airport.

N. FIREARMS, WEAPONS, AND EXPLOSIVES

1. The carrying of a firearm or weapon must be in conformity with all applicable federal, state, county laws.
2. Ammunition must be secured in accordance with federal, state, and county laws.
3. No person shall intentionally discharge any firearm or weapon on Airport property, except in the performance of official duties requiring the discharge thereof.
4. Explosives required for the operation of the Aircraft and equipment shall be stored in accordance with Federal and Maryland law, local ordinances or regulations.
 - a. Explosives used as part of the normal or safe operation of the Aircraft, to include but not limited to, engine starter cartridges, fire bottle squibs, ejection seat rockets, and jettison systems, shall be stored in accordance with all applicable regulations and standards for the storage of such items.
 - c. The Airport Manager shall be notified in writing that Aircraft explosive systems are stored at the Airport and the storage shall be appropriately marked.

O. STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. Hazardous material required for the normal operation of Aircraft and Aircraft systems shall be stowed in accordance with applicable Federal and Maryland law, as well as local ordinances and regulations. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Liquid Oxygen
 - b. High Pressure Gaseous Oxygen
 - c. Skydrol
 - d. Hydrazine
 - e. MIL-H-83282, MIL-L-7808 Hydraulic fluids
 - f. FE1301 and Halon fire extinguishing agents
2. All storage facilities shall be appropriately marked on the storage container and the exterior of the storage facility.

P. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY

No person shall alter, add to, or erect any building on the Airport or make any excavation on the Airport without prior written approval of the County.

Q. ABANDONED PROPERTY

1. In no event shall the County be responsible for any lost or stolen property of an Airport tenant, guest, Business or person.
2. No person shall willfully abandon any personal property on the Airport.
3. The Airport Manager may cause to be removed from any area of the Airport including vehicle parking lots any vehicle and/or trailer which is disabled, abandoned, parked in violation of these regulations, or which presents an operational problem to any area of the Airport. The removal shall be at the operator's expense, and the Airport Manager shall not be responsible for any damage which may result in the course of such movement.

R. PERMITS AND LEASES

1. No person or entity may provide an Aeronautical Service at the Airport unless:
 - a. The person or entity has a Lease with the County relating to the Aeronautical Activity; or
 - b. A Permit has been issued to the person or entity by the County authorizing the person or entity to provide the Aeronautical Service at the Airport.
 - c. The requirements of this section do not apply to:
 - i. FAA Designated Examiners (including, without limitation, Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE), Aviation Medical Examiner (AME), Designated Mechanic Examiner (DME), Sport Pilot Examiner); or
 - ii. Independent flight instructors, including FAA Certified Flight Instructors (CFI's) giving instruction only in client-owned/leased Aircraft.
2. The *Minimum Standards*, together with these Rules, shall apply to any Lease.
3. Permits and leases may be issued by the County to any person or entity who satisfies requirements for the Aeronautical Activities in accordance with the *Minimum Standards*.
5. Temporary Maintenance and Aeronautical Service Permits will be issued by the Airport Manager to grant airport access. Work may be performed in hangars (with an approved Hangar Access Agreement signed by the maintenance provider), leased areas and areas designated by the Airport Manager. The process is detailed in the *Minimum Standards*.

S. RENTAL FEES AND CHARGES

1. The obligation of the County to make the Airport available for public use does not preclude the County from recovering the cost of providing the facility through fair and reasonable fees, rentals or other user charges. The Fee Schedule for the Airport is detailed in Appendix A below.
2. Each Business shall be subject to the same equitable rates, fees, rentals, and other charges as are applicable to all other businesses making the same or similar uses of the Airport and utilizing the same or similar facilities.
3. Nondiscriminatory Service. Businesses(s) and aeronautical service providers shall furnish to all users all authorized or licensed services on a fair, equal, and nondiscriminatory basis; and shall charge fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory prices for each unit or service; provided that, the businesses may make reasonable and nondiscriminatory discounts, rebates, or other similar types of price reductions to volume purchasers, if permitted by law.

T. INSURANCE

Minimum Insurance for Aircraft based or hangered in the State of Maryland shall be in accordance with the (Code of Maryland Regulations) [COMAR 11.03.04.07](#). The Airport Manager will ensure that the *Standard Operating Procedures* contains current insurance requirements for Airport Tenants, and in the Minimum Standards for Aeronautical business providers.

U. SIGNS, SOLICITING, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

1. The display signs, advertisements, circulars or other printed or written matter in a public area of the Airport shall be in accordance with state and local law.
2. All signs or advertising media shall be kept in good repair and neat appearance.
3. Any person wishing to sponsor a Special Event shall obtain a Special Event Permit from the Airport Manager per the SOP. The Airport Manager shall require such safeguards as it deems necessary to protect the Airport, the County, Aircraft using the Airport, and the general public.
 - a. These requirements may include, but are not limited to, bonds, insurance policies, additional security personnel, facilities and appropriate FAA waivers, authorizations, or licenses.
 - b. The County is prohibited by the FAA from closing the Airport for any activity which is not an Aeronautical Activity.

SECTION III

WAIVERS, APPEALS, AND ENFORCEMENT

V. WAIVERS

1. A person or entity may apply to the Airport Manager for a waiver from the requirements of these Rules.
2. Application. A written request for waiver shall be submitted to the Airport Manager by the applicant that states the specific waiver(s) sought and sufficient justification supporting the request. The application shall contain such additional information as the Airport Manager may require.

3. Standards for Granting a Waiver. In making the decision, the Airport Manager may grant the waiver only in cases where the strict compliance with the terms of these Rules would result in unreasonable hardship and a waiver would not:
 - a. Violate the spirit and intent of these Rules;
 - b. Cause or be likely to cause substantial injury to the public health, safety and general welfare;
 - c. Be injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood, or
 - d. Grant an exclusive right.

4. Decision. If a request for waiver is sought, the Airport Manager shall decide the issue raised by the application within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of the written request. The decision shall be in writing and provide a brief statement of the applicable law, the standards for waiver, and facts which support the decision. A recommendation on a waiver application by the Airport Advisory Board is not a final administrative decision.

W. ENFORCEMENT

1. ACTIONS TO REMEDY VIOLATIONS. County staff should educate and counsel prior to citing for violation, unless the situation warrants immediate citation. Each member of the County's staff, as a representative of the County, is empowered to require compliance with the provisions of this chapter and all Rules and regulations issued by the County. In addition to temporary or permanent denial of the use of the Airport, the County may, when authorized by law, initiate an action for injunction, mandamus, abatement or any other appropriate judicial action to compel compliance with the provisions of these Rules or any rules or regulations adopted pursuant to these Rules, such as the *Standard Operating Procedures* or *Minimum Standards*.

2. It shall be the duty of the Airport Manger to enforce these Rules, the *Standard Operating Procedures*, or *Minimum Standards* and to bring to the attention of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, County Attorney, or law enforcement agency, any violations or lack of compliance herewith. Persons, tenants, FBOs, aeronautical service providers, County agencies and departments may forward to the Airport Manager inquiries, complaints, reports or information relative to possible or alleged violations of these Rules.

3. ACTIONS IN VIOLATION OF CODE No person shall violate any provisions of these Rules, or permit any such violation, or to fail to comply with the requirements of these Rules.

4. PROSECUTION OF VIOLATIONS
 - a. A violation of these Rules, the *Standard Operating Procedures*, or *Minimum Standards* is a civil infraction and may be prosecuted in the same manner and to the same extent as provided for a municipal infraction under Title 6 of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

 - b. In the event a person or entity fails to comply with these Rules, the *Standard Operating Procedures*, or *Minimum Standards*, the Airport shall send a written statement of violation to the person or entity at the most recent address, if any, on

file with the Airport. The person or entity shall have ten (10) days within which to provide a written response statement to the Airport explaining in detail why the violation occurred and to advise the Airport that the violation has been corrected. The County, in its sole discretion, has the right to revoke the person or entity's privileges at the Airport or it may suspend the operations for such a period of time as it deems necessary in order to obtain a correction of the violation. In addition, any such violations shall be considered by the Airport and the County in renewing any permit, license, or Agreement held by the person or entity.

c. Repetitive violations of these Rules, the *Standard Operating Procedures* or the *Minimum Standards* may result in revocation of use privileges, termination of Agreement and/or denial of use of the Airport.

d. Any person denied use of the Airport due to a violation of these Rules, the *Standard Operating Procedures*, or *Minimum Standards* may be restricted to use of the Airport for the purpose of enplaning and deplaning as a passenger as a passenger aboard an aircraft using the Airport.

e. Where there exists a conflict between any regulation or limitation prescribed in these Rules, the *Standard Operating Procedures*, or *Minimum Standards* and any other regulations applicable to the same area, the more stringent limitations or requirements shall govern and prevail.

FINES

IN VIOLATION OF SECTION	CATEGORY	FINE
Section II - Operating Rules J - Ground Vehicular Traffic and Parking	Unauthorized driving on a Taxiway or Runway	\$100
Section II - Operating Rules J - Ground Vehicular Traffic and Parking	Unauthorized parking of a vehicle or trailer in a manner as to restrict access or create an unsafe environment	Owner's expense
Section II - Operating Rules K – Aircraft Operations T – Permits and Leases	Performing unauthorized work on the airport/working without a Permit	\$100
Section II - Operating Rules J - Ground Vehicular Traffic and Parking	Operating a vehicle in a reckless manner	\$1,000
Section II - Operating Rules J - Ground Vehicular Traffic and Parking	Failure to report an accident	\$100
Section II - Operating Rules I – Personal Conduct J - Ground Vehicular Traffic and Parking Q – Storage of Hazardous Material	Improper storage to include: Fuel, oil, materials, trailers, vehicles	\$25
Section II - Operating Rules M – Pollution, Discharge, Refuse and Hazardous Materials	Failure to clean up a fuel or oil spill	\$50
Section II - Operating Rules M – Pollution, Discharge, Refuse and Hazardous Materials	Improper disposal of trash	\$25

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X. APPEALS

1. Generally. An appeal of any final administrative decision of any official charged with the enforcement of these Rules, disapproval of a properly filed application for a permit, issuance of a written notice of violation, or an alleged failure to properly enforce the Rules in regard to a specific application may be filed by any person aggrieved by any order, requirement, decision, or determination made in regard to the administration or the enforcement of these Rules as may be amended.
2. Appeals of Administrative Decisions. An appeal may be made to the next level of authority. An appeal must be filed in writing and state the basis for the appeal with clarity and detail. An appeal shall be timely if filed in writing within thirty (30) days of the date the notice was mailed to the applicant.
3. Interpretation of Federal Regulations. Any disagreement as to interpretation of Federal Aviation Regulations will be referred by the Airport Manager to the FAA for resolution.

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or other provision of these Rules is held invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, or by any agency, department or commission, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof, and the application of those provisions to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
- B. Revisions. These Rules may be amended, modified, altered, deleted or supplemented from time to time.
- C. Effective Date. These Rules shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland

END OF RULES DOCUMENT