

## **BITOU MUNICIPALITY AERODROME BY-LAW**

Under the provisions of section 156 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 the Bitou Municipality, enacts as follows:-

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### **1. Interpretation**

In this by-law, unless the context otherwise indicates –

**Act**” means the Aviation Act, Act 74 of 1962;

**"Air Navigation Regulations"** means the Civil Aviation Regulations, 1997, published under Government Notice R. 1219, dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1997, as amended from time to time, or any regulations by which the same have been duly replaced;

**"aerodrome"** has the meaning assigned to it in the Aviation Act. 1962 (Act 74 of 1962), and in this by-law refers to the Bitou Municipal Aerodrome;

**"Council"** means the Bitou Municipal Council;

**"manager"** means the person for the time being in charge of the aerodrome and includes any other person who is authorised to act on his or her behalf;

**"municipality"** means the Municipality of Bitou, established in terms of Section 12 of the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998, and includes any political structure, political office bearer, councillor, duly authorised agent or any employee acting in connection with this by-law by virtue of a power

vested in the municipality and delegated or sub-delegated to such political structure, political office bearer, councillor, agent or employee;

**"landing field"** means the area comprising the runways and other prepared ways for the passage of aircraft on the ground, aprons and all the land surrounding that area enclosed by a fence;

**"public enclosures"** means demarcated areas within the aerodrome set aside by the Council from time to time for use by members of the public other than persons flying in aircraft, and for the parking of vehicles;

**"runway"** means a defined rectangular area prepared or constructed for the landing and take-off run of aircraft along its length;

**"taxiway"** means a defined path on the aerodrome for the use of taxi-ing aircraft whether such path is constructed or not.

## **2. Purpose of by-laws**

The purpose of this by-law is to provide for the control of all aerodromes within the municipal area of Bitou Municipality.

## **3. Regulations of Aviation Act, Act 74 of 1962 and agreements applicable**

This by-law must be read with, and the application thereof is subject to the Aviation Act, 1962 (Act 74 of 1962), as amended, any regulations made there-under, and any agreement entered into between the municipality and any holder of an operator's licence and nothing in this by-law must be taken as purporting to contradict or derogate from the control of the aerodrome in accordance with the Aviation Act, Act 74 of 1962, the regulations or any such agreement.

## **4. Agreements**

The municipality may enter into a written agreement with any party regarding the use of any aerodrome of which it is the licence holder.

## **5. Aerodrome hours**

The municipality may determine the hours during which the aerodrome may be used.

## **6. Arrivals and departure of aircraft**

The pilot and every other person for the time being in charge or control of an aircraft must ensure that adequate precautions have been taken to keep unauthorized persons at a safe distance from all aircraft before any of its engines is started and while any engine is running.

## **7. Tariffs**

Subject to any agreement referred to in section 3 the municipality may levy tariffs for the use of any aerodrome.

## **8. Access to landing field**

- (1) No person may enter or be on the landing field except the following:
  - (a) Pilots and crew of aircraft based at or using the aerodrome in the course of their duties connected with the aircraft;
  - (b) technical, mechanical and servicing personnel going to or from aircraft in pursuance of their official duties connected therewith;
  - (c) pupil pilots going to or from aircraft for purposes of instruction or practice;
  - (d) members of the aerodrome's ground staff on duty, and other aerodrome officials authorized by the Manager;
  - (e) aircraft passengers, as long as they are passing directly between their aircraft and the public enclosures, or otherwise moving under the directions of the Manager or his staff; and
  - (f) any person not previously specified in this section having express authority from the Manager to enter the landing field.
- (2) A person who enters or is on the landing field in contravention of subsection (1) commits an offence.

## **9. Regulation or prohibition of vehicular traffic and pedestrians**

- (1) Motor cars and other vehicles may, in the absence of any special direction given by the Manager, only be parked in areas designated for that purpose by notices and within any lines which may be marked on the surface of any such area or as directed by the Manager or his or her nominee, however this subsection does not apply to any officer of the municipality employed at the aerodrome while acting in the course of his or her official duties.
- (2) The Manager may at any time without previous notice, and either permanently or for such period as he or she may determine, prohibit or restrict in such manner as he or she may deem necessary the admission of persons or vehicles to the aerodrome or any particular part thereof.
- (3) The Manager may, if it is deemed necessary for the proper control of the aerodrome, direct the person in lawful charge of a vehicle which is parked on the aerodrome to move the vehicle –
  - (a) to another place on the aerodrome indicated by the Manager;
  - or
  - (b) from the aerodrome;and if such person refuses or fails or is not present to comply forthwith such direction the Manager or a member of the police may have that vehicle moved to such other place or from the aerodrome and any such action by

the Manager or a member of the police does not exempt such person from prosecution in respect of such refusal or failure.

(4) Motor vehicles may not be driven on the taxiways and runways without special permission from the Manager.

(5) Pedestrians and persons in vehicles at the aerodrome are subject to the supervision of the Manager and must obey such directions with regard to their movements as he or she considers necessary to give in the interests of safety or the good management of the aerodrome.

(6) No person under the age of fourteen years, not being an authorized passenger in an aircraft, may enter the aerodrome unless accompanied by and under the supervision of an adult person.

(7) The Manager has the right to remove from the aerodrome any unaccompanied person under the age of fourteen years, not being an authorized passenger in an aircraft, and to require the removal there from by the adult in charge of him or her of any person under the age of fourteen years whose conduct is prejudicial to the amenities and proper management of the aerodrome.

(8) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section or who fails to comply with a direction given by the manager commits an offence.

## **10. General Conduct of Persons**

(1) No person may without the written prior consent of the Manager, within or around the aerodrome premises, buildings, structures, trees, fences or other part thereof –

- (a) place or affix any placard or notice;
- (b) climb any tree, building or other structure;
- (c) uproot or injure any tree or plant or pick any flower;
- (d) light or in any other manner cause a fire, or smoke or bring an open flame into –
  - (i) any place where such act is prohibited by a notice displayed on the direction or with the permission of the Manager; or
  - (ii) any place within 16 m of an aircraft or of any vehicle used for the supply of fuel to an aircraft or a store or dump of liquid fuel or explosives;
- (e) tamper or interfere with any fire hose reel, hydrant or any other item or equipment provided solely for fire-fighting purposes, or in the event of a fire, to interfere with or take part in any rescue or fire-fighting operation, unless he or she has been asked to do so by the official in charge of such operation;
- (f) discharge any firearm or airgun or set off any firework, or use a catapult or to throw any stone or other object;

- (g) affix or distribute any pamphlet, book, handbill or other printed matter or other article;
  - (h) enter any public convenience marked as being reserved for persons of the opposite sex;
  - (i) enter any building or place in disregard of a notice prohibiting such entry;
  - (j) play any musical instrument, operate any sound reproducing device, sing or make any speech;
  - (k) cause any obstruction, disturbance or nuisance or commit any act causing annoyance to other persons using the aerodrome or lawfully present thereat;
  - (l) enter or leave the aerodrome or any part thereof except by means of the entrances or exits marked as being provided for that purpose.
- (2) No chock, drum, loading step, trestle or other equipment or object capable of causing an obstruction may be left on the landing field except when its presence there is actually and immediately necessary.
- (3) A person who contravenes a provision of this section commits an offence.

#### **11. Removal of damaged or disabled aircraft**

- (1) The operator of any damaged or disabled aircraft must, if directed to do so by the Manager, move such aircraft or any part thereof or any cargo or thing carried therein to another place on the aerodrome indicated by the Manager, or from the aerodrome.
- (2) If the operator of a damaged or disabled aircraft refuses or fails or is not present to comply forthwith with any direction given by the Manager in terms of subsection (1), the Manager may take all steps necessary to ensure that such direction is complied with as expeditiously and safely as possible and may recover from the operator of that aircraft the cost incurred in ensuring compliance with such direction and any such action by the Manager does not exempt such operator from prosecution in respect of such refusal or failure.

#### **12. Supply of fuel to Aircraft.**

- (1) No person may on the aerodrome supply fuel to any aircraft except at a place and in a manner approved by the Manager.
- (2) The Manager may make any approval granted by him or her in terms of subsection (1) subject to compliance with such conditions as he or she may consider necessary to impose in order to safeguard persons or property on the aerodrome and he or she may from time to time vary or add to any condition so imposed or withdraw his approval.
- (3) The supply of fuel is, notwithstanding the above, subject to the provisions of the municipality's by-law relating to fire prevention.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or who fails to comply with a condition imposed in subsection (2) commits an offence.

**13. Boarding or tampering with aircraft**

- (1) Except with the permission of the person in lawful charge of all aircraft no person may on the aerodrome –
- (a) board such aircraft; or
  - (b) tamper or interfere in any way whatsoever with such aircraft or anything used in connection therewith.
- (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

**14. Use of buildings and hangars**

- (1) Subject to any agreement entered into in terms of section 3, the buildings, hangars and other facilities on the aerodrome are under the control of the municipality and the use thereof is subject to such conditions as may be imposed by it.
- (2) A person who uses the buildings, hangars or other facilities in contravention of a condition imposed in terms of subsection (1) commits an offence.

**15. Trading**

- (1) Subject to any agreement entered into in terms of section 3, no person may engage in the sale of refreshments or in the sale or hire of any other commodity or in the rendering for reward or otherwise of any service within the boundary of the aerodrome unless having obtained a written permit to do so given by the municipality.
- (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

**16. Appeal**

A person whose rights are affected by a decision of the municipality may appeal against that decision by giving written notice of the appeal and the reasons therefore in terms of section 62 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 to the municipal manager within 21 days of the date of the notification of the decision.

**17. Penalties**

A person who has committed an offence in terms of this by-law is, on conviction, liable to a fine, or in default of payment, to imprisonment, or to such imprisonment without the option of a fine, or to both such fine and such imprisonment, and in the case of a successive or continuing offence, to a fine for every day such offence continues, or in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment.

**18. Revocation of by-laws**

The provisions of any by-laws previously promulgated by the municipality or by any of the disestablished municipalities now incorporated in the municipality, are hereby repealed as far as they relate to matters provided for in this by-law, and insofar as it has been made applicable to the municipality by the authorisation for the execution of powers and functions in terms of section 84(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, Act 117 of 1998.

**19. Short title and commencement**

This by-law is known as the Aerodrome By-law, and commences on the date of publication thereof in the Provincial Gazette.