

ORDINANCE NO. 75

AN ORDINANCE OF IDAHO COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 69 (AIRPORT SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE), CODIFIED AT IDAHO COUNTY CODE § 91.015; AMENDING THE OVERNIGHT-CAMPING PROVISION TO PERMIT LIMITED “UNDER THE WING” TENT CAMPING BY AIRCRAFT PILOTS AND PASSENGERS; REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON AIRCRAFT LANDING ON SURFACES NOT DESIGNATED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Idaho County owns and operates the Idaho County Airport (KGIC) and has authority to manage and regulate the airport under Idaho Code §§ 21-401 and 31-807; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that permitting aircraft pilots and passengers to camp overnight in a tent or bedroll adjacent to their aircraft serves the recreational and aeronautical use of the airport, while overnight occupancy of recreational vehicles and hard-sided campers remains prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that removing the prohibition on aircraft landing on surfaces not designated by the Federal Aviation Administration is consistent with the County’s obligations as a federally obligated airport sponsor, including the reasonable and non-discriminatory access required under applicable federal grant assurances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Idaho County, Idaho:

Section 1. Amendment — Overnight Camping. Idaho County Code § 91.015(A) (Ordinance No. 69, Section 1(1)) is amended to read as follows (new text underlined):

“(A) Overnight camping on the county’s airport property; except that the pilot or passengers of an aircraft parked at the airport may camp overnight in a tent or bedroll immediately adjacent to that aircraft (“camping under the wing”), which is permitted without a written permit. Overnight occupancy of a recreational vehicle, motor home, motorized vehicle, hard-sided camper, or trailer remains prohibited. Camping under this exception must be incidental to use of the aircraft, must comply with the fire regulations in § 91.050, and is subject to any conditions the Airport Manager may establish[, including designation of the area where such camping is permitted and a limit on the number of consecutive nights].”

Section 2. Repeal — Landing Surfaces. Idaho County Code § 91.015(G) (Ordinance No. 69, Section 1(7)), prohibiting “aircraft landing on any surfaces not designated by the FAA,” is hereby repealed in its entirety. All remaining provisions of Ordinance No. 69 and § 91.015 remain in full force and effect.

[Section 2A. Protection of Infrastructure (optional). The Airport Manager may designate, mark, and publish areas of the airport that are closed to aircraft landing or ground operation in order to protect runway lighting, navigational aids, and other airport infrastructure.]

Section 3. Codification. The county's code publisher is directed to integrate the amendment in Section 1, remove § 91.015(G), and re-letter the remaining subsections of § 91.015 accordingly.

Section 4. Severability. If any section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by Idaho Code § 31-715.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Idaho County, Idaho, this 4th day of August, 2026.

IDAHO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

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ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Kathy M. Ackerman, Clerk