

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 24-093, **Version:** 1

An Ordinance approving the first amendment to the Cooperative Service Agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri (Lee's Summit Municipal Airport), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. (PWC 5/13/24)

Issue/Request:

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Key Issues:

- The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), ("APHIS-WS") has agreed to provide the necessary services to manage the raptor, coyote, and white-tailed deer population at the airport to prevent property damage and protect human health and safety at Lee's Summit Municipal Airport in accordance with the Cooperative Service Agreement ("Agreement").
- The project commenced on October 18, 2023, and expires on September 30, 2024.
- Coyotes and White-tailed deer are being added to the management agreement.
- The estimated amount to complete the work is \$15,300. The cost of the project will be funded through Airport fees for services.

Proposed Committee Motion:

I move to recommend to City Council approval of An Ordinance approving the first amendment to the Cooperative Service Agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri (Lee's Summit Municipal Airport), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

First Motion:

I move for a second reading of An Ordinance approving the first amendment to the Cooperative Service Agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri (Lee's Summit Municipal Airport), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Second Motion:

I move for adoption of An Ordinance approving the first amendment to the Cooperative Service Agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri (Lee's Summit Municipal Airport), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Background:

Active wildlife in and around the Airport and Airport Operations Areas "AOA" present the potential to cause a significant damage to aircraft during the most critical phases of flight. In some circumstances, encounters with wildlife can lead to damage of personal property and the potential for loss of life.

Wildlife in and around the Lee's Summit Airport includes, but not limited to:

- Deer
- Birds including: Red Tailed Hawks, Sparrows, Blue Herons, Killdeer, and Eagles
- Turtles
- Coyotes
- Ground Hogs

In 2021, the Airport began mitigating the wildlife hazards by reducing the primary food source for raptors and coyotes to reduce the likelihood of bird or mammal strikes at the Airport. The mitigation techniques were effective in reducing the number and frequency of raptors. However, Coyotes and deer are still present and frequently seen near the runways.

The FAA recommends that Airport operators maintain an appropriate environment for the safe and efficient operation of aircraft. This entails mitigating wildlife strike hazards by fencing, modifying the landscape to deter wildlife, or hazing or removing wildlife hazardous to aircraft from congregating on airports.

The Airport has requested USDA Wildlife Services' assistance in the application of the mitigation techniques. USDA Wildlife Services will use a combination of rodenticides and other means to remove wildlife. The cooperative service agreement commenced on October 18, 2023, and expires on September 30, 2024.

Joel Arrington, Airport Manager

Staff recommends approval of An Ordinance approving the first amendment to the Cooperative Service Agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri (Lee's Summit Municipal Airport), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

The Public Works Committee voted unanimously 3-0, to recommend to City Council approval of an Ordinance approving the first amendment to the Cooperative Service Agreement by and between the City of Lee's

Summit, Missouri (Lee's Summit Municipal Airport), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.