



## Town of Middletown Planning Department

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To: Paul A. Croce, Chairman  
Planning Board Members

From: Ron Wolanski, Town Planner

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Re: Public Workshop meeting - Draft Airport Overlay District zoning amendments.

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A public workshop meeting is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, to present and receive public comment on proposed zoning ordinance amendments to implement airport area overlay zoning as required by state law. Please see the attached latest ordinance draft and airport overlay map, as well as a summary sheet describing the purpose of the proposed amendments. As previously discussed, the proposed overlay district map was revised to exclude certain properties from the proposed runway protection zone (RPZ), which was recommended by the Planning Board subcommittee to relieve property owners from some restrictions of the RPZ. The only change to the proposed ordinance text from the prior draft was to remove the word "hazard" from the title of the ordinance as requested by the subcommittee.

If adopted the ordinance would result in the following:

- Establish two regulated areas, including the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) and the Height Compliance Area.
- The RPZ would prohibit most development, except for parking lots, roads, and agriculture. Any structures and vegetation would be limited to 15 feet in height.
- Uses within the Height Compliance Area would be limited in accordance with the underlying zoning, with structure height to not exceed that which would penetrate a FAR Part 77 surface. As currently drafted, there is no limitation on the height of vegetation.
- Any proposed development within the RPZ or Height Compliance Area would require Development Plan Review (DPR) conducted by the Planning Board, with the exception of proposed single-family dwellings in the Height Compliance Area. FAA approval of the proposed development would be a submission requirement for DPR.
- Pre-existing structures not in compliance with provisions of the ordinance would not be required to comply unless such structure is altered. The alteration shall not increase the hazard to air navigation.

If the board wishes to move forward with consideration of the revised draft, a recommendation would be made to the Town Council to consider adoption. All property owners within the proposed overlay district boundaries and within 200 feet of those boundaries have been notified of the public workshop.

cc. Town Solicitor