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RE: Enforcement of Rules and Regulations on Ann Arbor Airport

Dear Administrators:

This office represents John Solo and Solo Aviation, we have been requested to send this letter advising you of his concerns regarding development and enforcement of operating rules at the Ann Arbor Airport. Mr. Solo is a current lessee, has worked on the airport and has been a commercial Lessee at airports for decades. He is extremely familiar with the operations that take place on the airfield and is dedicated to safety. His concerns are not only for his business and employees, but also for his customers, aircraft and visitors on the Ann Arbor Airport grounds.

Solo Aviation provides fueling and maintenance services and to transient aircraft and to aircraft based on the airport. Solo Aviation is dedicated ability to assure aircraft are able to safely move about the airport and fly in its airspace.

For years Ann Arbor Airport has had a rule prohibiting third parties, without a lease and/or City issued commercial license, performing professional level mechanical and repair services on aircraft located at the airport. This rule is often overlooked or completely ignored. The result is the City loses revenue and control over who is on the airport grounds and the nature of activities being provided. If there is a problem (for

example the improper disposal of liquids) the city has little recourse or ability to locate the offender. These restrictions should be enforced for the protection of all who use the airport.

Another concern is the failure of the Airport operator to enforce its rules on items that can be stored in the hangars. Solo Aviation has witnessed everything from automobiles to RVs parked in hangars. There have even been incidents of people using RVs, in hangars, as sleeping or full time living quarters. This is unsafe and violates numerous codes. This practice should be stopped.

Recently there have been signs posted against refueling of aircraft in and around hangars. Solo Aviation provides fuel service to both transient and hangared aircraft. Fueling in the hangars has been the practice on the airfield as long as Mr. Solo can recall. It is both convenient and safe. Solo Aviation is not aware of a single incident resulting from refueling in the hangar or around the hangars.

When fueled by a commercial fueling vehicle, the planes are properly grounded and safely fueled by a trained professional. If commercial fueling at the hangar is not permitted it may result in lesser trained owners fueling in their hangar or worse storing fuel. Mr. Solo firmly believes that fueling in a hangar is safer for both his employees and the aircraft.

In a hangar the aircraft is not in the vicinity of other operating aircraft. Also important, the airplane and fueler are out of the Michigan Weather. From a liability standpoint for both aircraft owners and Solo Aviation, it is preferable to fuel planes in the hangars with the hangar doors open. This allows for full ventilation and minimizes damage to aircraft from being pulled out of or pushed back into a hangar. Aircraft are often damaged by the simple act parking them in their hangar (often referred to as hangar rash). Since the rule is expanded to "around hangars" this would appear to create more ground traffic on the taxiways and more congestion on the ramp.

The aircraft located on the airport are worth from tens of thousands to millions of dollars. Solo Aviation is dedicated to properly and safely maintaining those aircraft. It is far and away the safest practice to allow professional fuelers to fuel the planes in the hangars when properly vented. It is more dangerous for the staff and operators to be fueling planes on the ramp or other areas where other aircraft can be operating or causing jet or prop wash to affect those in and around the fueling process.

Recently the City has proposed to rent a long established FBO. The Advisory Board and City did not follow the stated rules established by the RFP. Solo Aviation

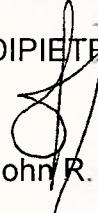
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submitted a proposal and was denied a fair opportunity to compete. The City must reopen the bidding process and allow those interested and qualified to compete for this valuable asset. Solo Aviation is considering legal action to challenge the process that was used.

Solo Aviation would like to see the Ann Arbor Airport enforce the rules fairly to all. Enforcing its rules would make Ann Arbor Airport safer and a better home for its users and hangar occupants.

Respectfully Submitted,

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