

# CHAPTER 6

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### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

**Sections 6-1 --- 6-15. Reserved.**

### ARTICLE II. AIRPORT BOARD

**Section 6-16. Created.**

There is hereby created an Airport Board, to be known as the Laurel Airport Board, composed of five (5) persons.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-10*

**Section 6-17. Qualifications and Terms.**

Airport Board members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council from the qualified electors of the City, one (1) of whom shall be designated as Chairman. They shall hold office for staggered terms of five (5) years.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-11*

**Section 6-18. Compensation.**

No member of the Airport Board shall receive any salary for his services, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-12*

**Section 6-19. Organization.**

The Airport Board shall make such rules and regulations for its administration not inconsistent with the terms of this article, as it may deem expedient, and may from time-to-time amend such rules and regulations. It shall elect from among its members a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary to serve for one (1) year, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Board shall hold monthly meetings, and it shall at its initial meeting fix the date and place for its regular meetings. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be taken by less than a majority of the Board. Special meetings may be called and shall be open to the

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\***Cross References** -- Administration, Ch. 2; buildings and building regulations, Ch. 7; fire prevention and protection, Ch. 9; licenses and business regulations, Ch. 12; motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 13; streets and sidewalks, Ch. 23; zoning, App. A.

**State Law Reference** -- Aviation, Miss. Code 1972, Title 61.

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*Source: Code 1969, § 3-13*

### **Section 6-20. Powers and Duties Generally.**

The Airport Board shall have full and complete power to plan, acquire, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, protect and police any airport, airport property, air navigation facility or airport hazard to be acquired, controlled and operated, and such Board may exercise on behalf of the City all the powers with respect to such airport, airport properties, air navigation facility or airport hazard, subject to sections 6-21 through 6-24 inclusive.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-15*

**State Law Reference** --- Delegation of authority to Airport Board, Miss. Code 1972, § 61-5-25

### **Section 6-21. Council to Approve Rules, Etc.**

Any resolutions, rules, regulations or orders of the Airport Board dealing with subjects authorized by Section 6-29 shall become effective only upon approval of the City Council, provided that upon such approval the resolutions, rules, regulations or orders of the Board shall have the same force and effect in the territories or jurisdictions involved as the Ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations or orders of the City Council would have in its own territory or jurisdiction.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-20*

### **Section 6-22. Expenditures Generally.**

The total expenditures to be made by the Airport Board for any purpose in any calendar year shall be determined by a budget approved by the City Council on or before October 1.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-17*

### **Section 6-23. Acquisitions Beyond Sums Allotted; Eminent Domain.**

No airport, air navigation facility, airport hazard or real or personal property, the cost of which is in excess of sums allotted in annual budget, may be acquired by the Airport Board without the approval of the City Council. The right of eminent domain is not delegated to the Airport Board.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-18*

### **Section 6-24. Disposal of Real Property.**

The Airport Board shall not sell any airport, air navigation facility or real property under its jurisdiction except with the consent of the City Council, provided that the Board may, without such consent, enter into contracts, leases or other arrangements contemplated by Section 6-28.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-19*

**Section 6-25. Personnel.**

See Appendix III, *Personnel Rules and Regulations* dated June 20, 1995.

*Source: Personnel Rules and Regulations, 6/20/95*

**Section 6-26. Airport Funds.**

The funds made available by the City and revenues obtained by the Airport Board from control or operation of the Laurel Municipal Airport and Industrial Park or portion thereof or navigation facility shall be deposited in such fund or funds as may be designated by the Airport Board to receive same. All revenues derived from the operation of the airport, after paying the operation expense maintenance, shall be set aside and used for additional improvements of the airport properties or for the retirement of bonds and interest thereon issued for airport purposes, subject to approval of the City.

*Source: Code 1969, §3-23*

**State Law Reference** -- Application of airport revenues and sales proceeds, Miss. Code 1972, § 61-531

**Section 6-27. Federal and State Aid.**

- (a) The Airport Board is authorized to request, accept, receive, receipt for, disburse and expend Federal and State monies and other monies, public or private, made available by grant or loan or both to accomplish, in whole or in part, any of the purposes of this article. All Federal monies accepted under this Section shall be accepted and expended by the Board upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States and as are consistent with State law. All State monies accepted under this Section shall be accepted and expended by the Board upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the State unless otherwise prescribed by the agency from which such monies were received, the Board shall deposit all monies received pursuant to this Section in the proper fund, and shall designate such funds to the purpose for which the monies were made available, in trust for such purposes.
  
- (b) The Board is authorized to designate the State Aeronautics Commission as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse Federal and State monies and other monies, public or private, made available by grant or loan or both, to accomplish in whole or in part any of the purposes of this article and to designate the said Commission as its agent in contracting for and supervising the planning, acquisition, development, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipment or operation of any airport or other air navigation facility. The Board may enter into an agreement with the said Aeronautics Commission prescribing the terms and conditions of the agency in accordance with such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States, if Federal money is involved, and in accordance with the applicable laws of this State. All Federal monies accepted under this Section by the State Aeronautics Commission shall be accepted and transferred or expended by said Commission upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States. All monies received by the State Aeronautics Commission

pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the State Treasury, and unless otherwise prescribed by the agency from which such monies were received, shall be kept in separate funds designated according to the purposes for which the monies were made available, and held by the State in trust for such purposes.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-24*

**State Law Reference** --- Acceptance of Federal and State aid, Miss. Code 1972, §61-5-15

### **Section 6-28. Contracts.**

The Airport Board may enter into any contracts necessary to the execution of the powers granted it, and for the purposes provided by this article.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-25*

**State Law Reference** --- Contracts for airport facilities, Miss. Code 1972, §61-5-19

### **Section 6-29. Rules and Regulations---Generally.**

- (a) The Airport Board is authorized to adopt, amend and repeal such reasonable rules, regulations, orders and resolutions as it shall deem necessary for the management, operation, government and use of the airports, properties or air navigation facilities under its control, subject to requirements set forth in Sections 6-20 --- 6-25, inclusive.
- (b) All resolutions, rules, regulations or orders which are issued by the Board shall be kept in substantial conformity with the laws of the State or any regulations promulgated or standards established pursuant thereto, and, as nearly as may be, with the Federal laws governing aeronautics and the rules, regulations and standards duly issued thereunder.
- (c) The Board shall keep on file with the City and at the principal office of the Board, a copy of all of its rules and regulations for public inspection.
- (d) The Board shall provide for the publication and general distribution of all its orders, rules, regulations and procedures having general effect.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-22*

**State Law Reference** --- Similar provisions, Miss. Code 1972, §61-5-13

### **Section 6-30. Reports.**

The Airport Board shall report in writing to the City Council on or before July 1 of each year, and said report shall contain a summary of its proceedings during the preceding fiscal year; a detailed and itemized statement of all revenues and of all expenditures made by or in behalf of

the Board; such other information as it may deem necessary or useful; and any additional information which may be requested by the City Council.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-14*

**Section 6-31. Airport Manager.**

The Mayor shall appoint an Airport Manager to be confirmed by City Council, who shall be the Executive Director of the Board, and under its supervision shall administer the provisions of this article and rules, regulations and orders established hereunder. He shall attend all meetings of the Board, but shall not have the power to vote. He shall be in charge of the office of the Board and responsible to the Board for the records, establish and maintain an appropriate financial, accounting and bookkeeping system, prepare reports and carry out other duties which the Board may impose on him. The Board by written order filed in its office may delegate to the Airport Manager any of the powers or duties vested in or imposed upon it by this article. It shall be the duty of the Airport Manager to enforce all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of the airport.

*Source: Code 1969, § 3-21*

**Cross Reference** --- Administration, Ch. 2.

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