

**RESOLUTION No. 797 OF THE
TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
IN URGING COMPLIANCE WITH
NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES
AND OPPOSING A CUSTOMS FACILITY
AT WITHAM FIELD AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point was established by Charter in 1957, many years before the operation of Witham Field Airport as a commercial operation with a substantial increase in both piston and jet operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point is a noise-sensitive community that recognizes the impact of noise on its property values and the risk of air traffic over land to the safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Witham Field Airport completed a Federal Aviation Administration Part 150 Noise Study (Study), one outcome of which was a Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedure which all pilots using the field are encouraged to follow; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point has appointed Commissioner Vincent N. Barile as its representative to the Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC), which was formed in August 2003 by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning the implementation of the operational and land use mitigation measures adopted in the Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 Study; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated policy of the Witham Field Airport that "It is the responsibility of the pilot to familiarize themselves with the Noise Abatement Procedures here at Witham Field;" and

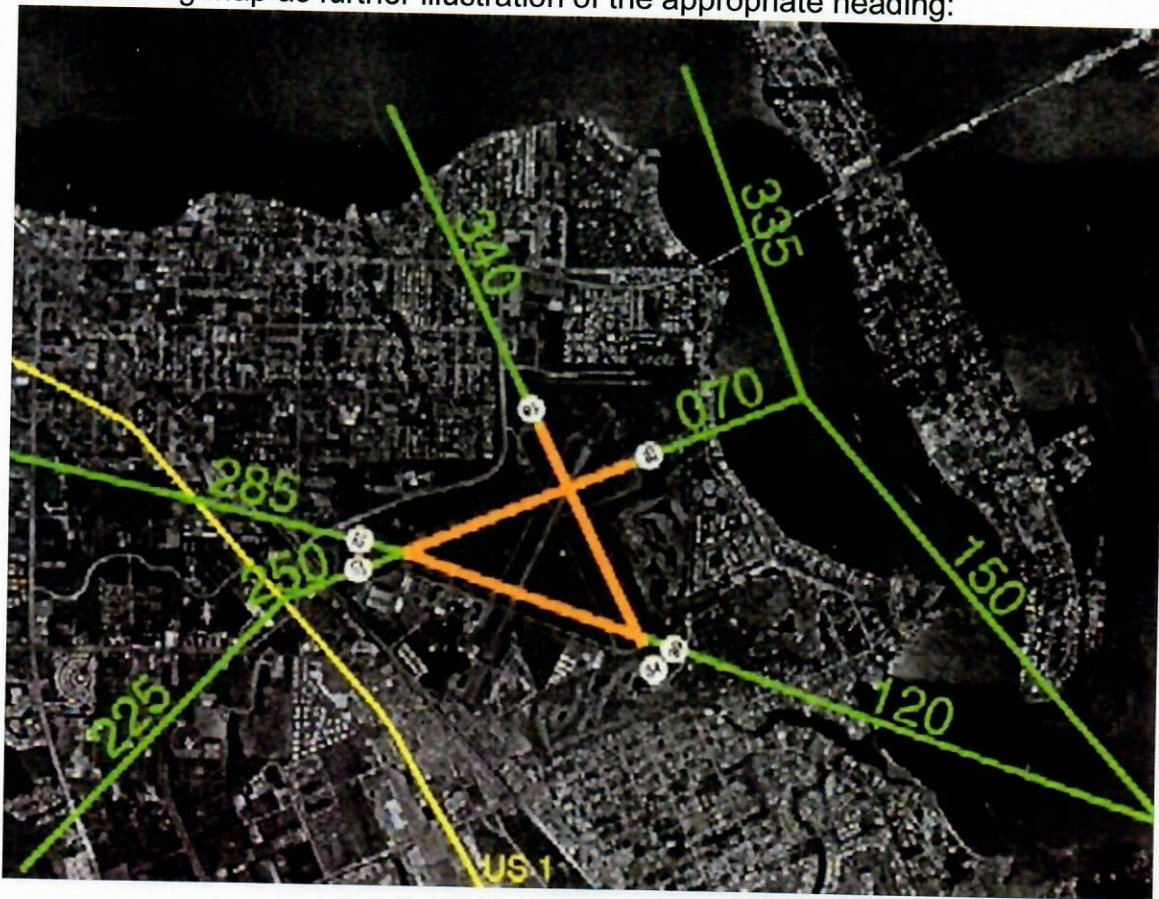
WHEREAS, included among the Martin County Rules and Regulations adopted for use at Witham Field Airport is Section 11.2 - Preferred Noise Abatement Procedures for Jet Aircraft; Preferred Takeoff Paths, which provides as follows: "(a) Unless otherwise directed by the Control Tower, all Jet Aircraft are requested to observe the noise abatement procedures contained in the noise abatement brochure and/or the Jeppesen insert as may be revised from time to time;" and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Rules and Regulations adopted for use at Witham Field Airport also includes Section 11.3 - Preferred Noise Abatement Procedures for Other Aircraft; Preferred Takeoff Paths, which provide as follows: "Unless otherwise directed by the Air Traffic Control Tower, all Other Aircraft are requested to use the following traffic pattern: (a) Use one thousand (1,000) feet for traffic pattern altitude. (b) Make all turns to the left for Runways 34, 30 and 25. Make all

turns to the right for Runways 7, 12 and 16 (c) When taking off on Runways 07, 16, 25, and 30, climb to eight hundred (800) feet on runway heading before executing the first turn. (d) When taking off on Runways 12, and 34, climb to five hundred (500) feet on runway heading before executing the first turn; and

WHEREAS, the "Directions to Pilots" specifically states that pilots should "request the Quiet Departure when receiving clearance delivery" and "USE THE NBAA CLOSE-IN DEPARTURE PROCEDURE; PLEASE REQUEST THE QUIET DEPARTURE FROM ATCT;" AND

WHEREAS, the "Directions to Pilots" specifically prescribes the following departure heading: "Runway 07 - Fly Rwy Hdg to River, Northbound Turn Left to 335, Southbound Turn Right to 150, Climb to 2000'MSL, Then on Course" and provides the following map as further illustration of the appropriate heading:



WHEREAS, compliance with the cited rules is of the utmost importance to the residents of the Town of Sewall's Point since they provide not only reduced noise but a reduced risk of harm to person and property in the event of a crash by avoiding populated areas and directing air traffic over water; and

WHEREAS, approval of a customs facility at Witham Field Airport would increase

air traffic on the already highly impacted community and exacerbate the concerns for safety, pollution and noise within the Town of Sewall's Point;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point advises the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, Florida, of its opposition to approval of a Customs Facility at Witham Field Airport and respectfully demands that direction be given to the Airport Manager, who would then provide direction to the Tower Chief of the Control Tower at Witham Field Airport to require compliance with the above-cited rules and regulations in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Sewall's Point, Florida.

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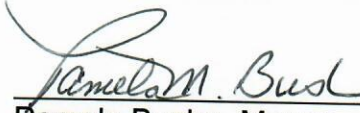
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MAYOR PAMELA BUSHA
PAUL LUGER, VICE MAYOR
VINCENT N. BARILE, Commissioner
THOMAS P. BAUSCH, Commissioner
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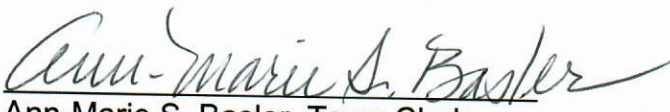
The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution No. 797 approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point on this 25th day of March, 2014.

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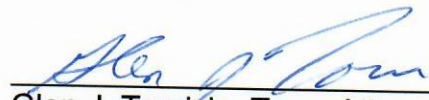
Pamela Busha, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk

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Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney
Florida Bar No. 343374
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency