



Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Certain Open-to-the-Public Airports

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Airport Licensing Rules and Regulation Background

- **O.C.G.A. Section 32-9-8, Licensing Airports**
 - **FY21 Legislative amendments effective July 1, 2021**
- Must amend Georgia Administrative Code Chapter 672-9
 - Rules and Regulations for Licensing Certain Open-To-The-Public Airports
- Applies to 97 Open-To-The Public General Aviation Airports
 - 95 publicly-owned public use airports
 - 2 privately-owned public use airports
- Does Not Apply to Commercial Service Airports

Official Code of Georgia §32-9-8 Licensing Airports

- **Originally enacted in 1979**
 - Unlawful to operate an airport without a valid license
 - Civil penalty for operating without a license \$100.
- **Updated in 2021**
 - Unlawful to operate an airport without a valid license
 - Department may issue cease & desist order for operating without a license
 - Violations of order subject to civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000/day

Rules and Regulation Proposed Changes:

672-9-.01 Definitions.

- Correct reference to “Airport License” by removing “permit” reference
- Add new & clarify definitions for - “Person” & “Runway Object Free Area, Obstruction, and Runway Primary Surface”

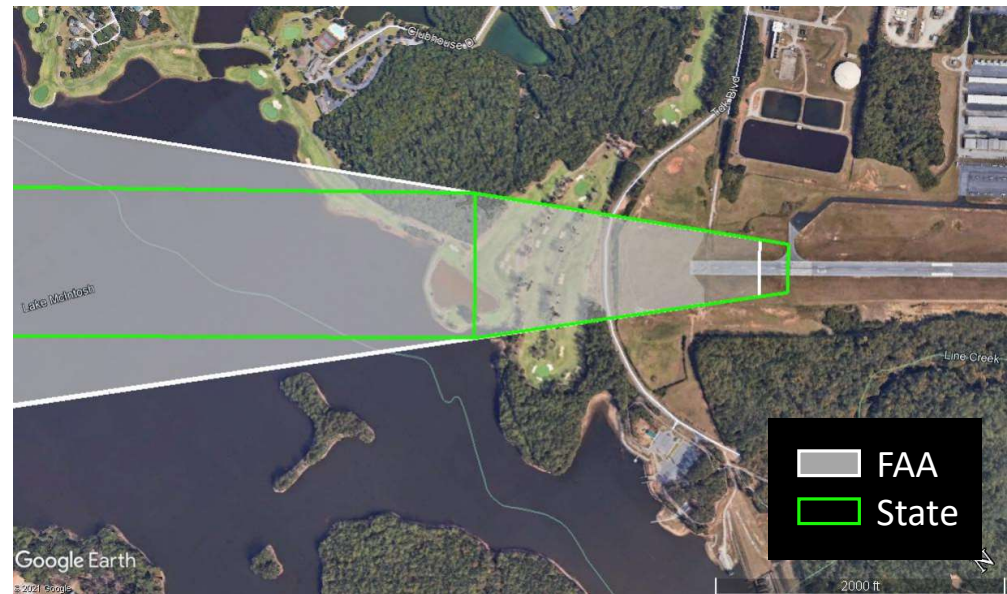
672-9-.03 Airports: Licensing Minimum Standards.

- Modify State Obstruction Free Approach Surfaces to not exceed Federal Standards

Obstruction Free Approach Surface Modification



Existing



Proposed

Rules and Regulation Proposed Changes:

672-9-.03 Airports: Licensing Minimum Standards

- Clarify grounding cables must be present and functional as a fueling area requirement, and
- Add to Rule language in original law – a public use Airport will not be denied a license that did not meet Geometric Layout and separation requirements in 1979.

Rule and Regulation Changes:

672-9-.04 Airport License Issuance/Renewal/Revocation

- Authorizes the Department to issue a cease and desist order to a person operating an unlicensed Airport
- Provides for assessment of civil penalties against a person for failing to cease and desist operating an unlicensed Airport

672-9-.05 Airport Licensing and Inspection Exemptions

- Delete this section as unnecessary.
 - Air Carrier Airport exemptions included in the definition of “Airport”

Public & Industry Engagement

- Proposed Changes to the Rules and Regulations sent to:
 - Owners and Managers of 97 affected airports
 - Georgia Airports' Association
 - ACEC – Aviation Subcommittee
- Rule change notification have been placed in newspapers across the State
- Webinar on October 27th presenting proposed changes
- GDOT external website posting for public comment
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/IS/AirportAid>

Actions by the Georgia Board of Transportation

- The Board received a presentation on the rules changes at its October 21st Meeting and approved opening the rule making process and issue resolution to provide notice of its intent to amend the rules.
- Public comment period through November 22, 2021
- Board considers adoption of rules at December 9, 2021 meeting



Questions?