Suggested Template for Avigation Easements

We have provided this sample Avigation Easement language to assist Sponsors with the preparation of an agreement for their specific location and situation. We recommend Sponsors furnish this sample language to their attorney tasked with preparing the actual Avigation Easement.

Limitations of Use

The FAA’s provision of this sample language serves as a starting point for the Sponsor for preparing their customized avigation easement. Sponsors must not construe provision of this sample document as being complete and legally sufficient. Sponsors are solely responsible for verifying the legal status of all contractual matters, including establishment of avigation easements.

SURFACE AND OVERHEAD AVIGATION EASEMENT

WHEREAS, (Property Owner), hereinafter called the Grantors are the fee owners of the following specifically described parcel of land situated in (City, County & State):

(Metes & bounds description of easement parcel)

hereinafter called “Grantors’ property” and outlined on an attached Exhibit A map.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of $______________ and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantors, for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns do hereby grant the following appurtenant rights and benefits to the (Name of Airport) hereinafter called the “Grantee” for the use and benefit of the public.

The appurtenant rights and benefits include the uses, rights and restrictions described as follows:

The unobstructed use and passage of all types of aircraft in and through the airspace at any height or altitude above the surface of the land.

The right of said aircraft to cause noise, vibrations, fumes, deposits of dust, fuel particles (incidental to the normal operation of aircraft); fear, interference with sleep or communication, and any other effects associated with the normal operation of aircraft taking off, landing or operating in the vicinity of (Airport).

As used herein, the term “aircraft” shall mean any and all types of aircraft, whether now in existence or hereafter manufactured and developed, to include jet, propeller-driven, civil, military or commercial aircraft; helicopters, regardless of existing or future noise levels, for the purpose of transporting persons or property through the air, by whoever owned or operated.
In granting this easement, the Grantors agree to make no modifications to the following “accepted” existing structures lying within the bounds of the easement area of the Grantors’ property.

(Example: 20’ x 25’ utility shed, see attached Exhibit A map)

The Grantors agree that during the life of this easement, they will not construct, erect, suffer to permit or allow any structure or trees on the surface of the burdened property. The Grantors may not permit any places of public assembly or gatherings within the easement area. (Examples: churches, schools, day care facilities, hospitals, restaurants, stadiums, office buildings, etc.) The Grantors are permitted to continue to grow and harvest crops or graze livestock in the easement area.

The Grantors agree to keep the easement area free of the following: structures (permanent or temporary) that might create glare or contain misleading lights; residences, fuel handling and storage facilities and smoke generating activities and creation of any means of electrical interference that could effect the movement of aircraft over the easement area.

Grantors agree to waive all damages and claims for damages caused or alleged to be caused by the Grantors violation of any aspect of this easement document. The (Airport) has a perpetual right of ingress/egress in the easement area and the right to remove any new structure or vegetation that is not specifically mentioned above as “accepted.”

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said easement and right of way, and all rights appertaining thereto unto the Grantee, its successors, and assigns, until said (Airport) shall be abandoned and shall cease to be used for public airport purposes. It is understood and agreed that all provisions herein shall run with the land and shall be binding upon the Grantors, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns until such time that the easement is extinguished.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals this _____________ day of __________________, 20_____. (Local recordation and subordination practices must also be met. If subordination is necessary in which case the mortgagee must join in the agreement, a statement must be made to assure that the mortgage is subordinate to the Easement and the Easement recording superior and prior to lien in said mortgage without consideration of the date of the mortgage instrument)

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________________(SEAL)
Grantor(s)