

# NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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**SUBJ:** Visual Separation

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice authorizes the use of tower-applied visual separation between adjacent airport traffic control towers (ATCTs).
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units and facilities: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Security, and all associated terminal air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications website at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/).
- 4. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change amends FAA Order JO 7110.65, subparagraph 7-2-1 a.1.(f), and authorizes controllers at ATCTs to apply visual separation between their traffic and traffic at an adjacent facility through the use of tower-applied visual separation without the need for an approved waiver.
- 5. Procedures.** Amend the FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 7-2-1, to read as follows:

## 7-2-1 Visual Separation

Title thru first paragraph,                      No change

### REFERENCE—

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 2-1-20, Wake Turbulence Cautionary Advisories.*

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 2-1-21, Traffic Advisories.*

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 3-1-9, Use of Tower Radar Displays.*

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 5-9-5, Approach Separation Responsibility.*

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 7-4-1, Visual Approach.*

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 7-4-2, Vectors for Visual Approach.*

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 7-4-4, Approaches to Multiple Runways.*

*FAA Order JO 7210.3, Para 4-3-2, Appropriate Subjects.*

*FAA Order JO 7210.3, Para 10-3-9, Visual Separation.*

*P/CG Term— Visual Approach.*

*P/CG Term— Visual Separation.*

Subparagraph **a.** thru **a. 1. (e),**                      No change

**(f)** ATCTs at adjacent airports may be authorized to apply visual separation between their traffic and the other facility's traffic. All provisions of FAA Order JO 7110.65 Paragraph 7-2-1 a.1. still apply.

**NOTE-**

*Additional requirements are listed in FAA Order JO 7210.3, Paragraph 10-3-9, Visual Separation.*

No further changes to paragraph.

**6. Background.** Since 2003 several facilities in the National Airspace System have filed for a waiver to FAA Order JO 7110.65, Paragraph 7-2-1, Visual Separation, in order to enable air traffic controllers to apply visual separation between their traffic and traffic at an adjacent airport traffic control tower (ATCT). This change allows the use of tower-applied visual separation between adjacent airport traffic control towers (ATCTs).

Seven facilities have received waivers authorizing the use of tower-applied visual separation between adjacent ATCTs. There are three additional waivers pending. Since the issuance of these waivers, there have been no reported events, such as losses of approved separation, associated with the use of tower-applied visual separation.

**7. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units and other organizations: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Security, Safety, Technical Training, the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service, the William J. Hughes Technical Center, and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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