

CHAPTER 231.

[S. B. 347.]

MUNICIPALITIES—AIRPORTS AND FACILITIES.

AN ACT relating to powers of municipalities concerning airports and aeronautical facilities; amending section 7, chapter 182, Laws of 1945 and RCW 14.08.100; and amending section 8, chapter 182, Laws of 1945, as last amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1957, and RCW 14.08.120.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

RCW 14.08.100 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 7, chapter 182, Laws of 1945 and RCW 14.08.100 are each amended to read as follows:

Raising of funds and disposition of revenue.

(1) The governing bodies having power to appropriate moneys within the municipalities in this state for the purpose of acquiring, establishing, constructing, enlarging, improving, maintaining, equipping or operating airports and other air navigation facilities under the provisions of this chapter, are hereby authorized to appropriate and cause to be raised by taxation or otherwise in such municipalities, moneys sufficient to carry out therein the provisions of this chapter.

(2) The revenues obtained from the ownership, control and operation of any such airport or other air navigation facility shall be used, first, to finance the maintenance and operating expenses thereof, and, second, to make payments of interest on and current principal requirements of any outstanding bonds or certificates issued for the acquisition or improvement thereof, and to make payment of interest on any mortgage heretofore made. Revenues in excess of the foregoing requirements may be applied to finance the extension or improvement of the airport or other air navigation facilities, and to construct, maintain, lease, and otherwise finance buildings and facilities for industrial or commercial use: *Provided*, That such portion of the airport

property to be devoted to said industrial or commercial use be first found by the governing body to be not required for airport purposes.

SEC. 2. Section 8, chapter 182, Laws of 1945, as last amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1957, and RCW 14.08.120 are each amended to read as follows:

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amended.

In addition to the general powers in this chapter conferred, and without limitation thereof, a municipality which has established or may hereafter establish airports, restricted landing areas or other air navigation facilities, or which has acquired or set apart or may hereafter acquire or set apart real property for such purpose or purposes is hereby authorized:

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(1) To vest authority for the construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation and regulation thereof in an officer, a board or body of such municipality by ordinance or resolution which shall prescribe the powers and duties of such officer, board or body; and such municipality may also vest authority for industrial and commercial development in a municipal airport commission consisting of at least five resident taxpayers of the municipality to be appointed by the governing board of such municipality by an ordinance or resolution which shall include (a) the terms of office not to exceed six years which terms shall be staggered so that not more than three terms will expire in the same year, (b) the method of appointment and filling vacancies, (c) a provision that there shall be no compensation but may provide for a per diem of not to exceed twenty-five dollars per day plus travel expenses for time spent on commission business, (d) the powers and duties of the commission, and (e) any other matters necessary to the exercise of the powers relating to industrial and commercial development. The expense

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of such construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, industrial and commercial development, operation and regulation shall be a responsibility of the municipality.

(2) To adopt and amend all needful rules, regulations and ordinances for the management, government and use of any properties under its control, whether within or without the territorial limits of the municipality; to appoint airport guards or police, with full police powers; to fix by ordinance or resolution, as may be appropriate, penalties for the violation of said rules, regulations and ordinances, and enforce said penalties in the same manner in which penalties prescribed by other rules, regulations and ordinances of the municipality are enforced. For the purposes of such management and government and direction of public use, such part of all highways, roads, streets, avenues, boulevards, and territory as adjoins the limits of any airport or restricted landing area acquired or maintained under the provisions of this chapter shall be under like control and management of the municipality. It may also adopt and enact rules, regulations and ordinances designed to safeguard the public upon or beyond the limits of private airports or landing strips within such municipality or its police jurisdiction against the perils and hazards of instrumentalities used in aerial navigation. Rules, regulations and ordinances shall be published as provided by general law or the charter of the municipality for the publication of similar rules, regulations, and ordinances. They must conform to and be consistent with the laws of this state and the rules and regulations of the aeronautics commission of the state and shall be kept in conformity, as nearly as may be, with the then current federal legislation governing aeronautics and the regulations duly promulgated thereunder

and the rules and standards issued from time to time pursuant thereto.

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(3) Municipalities operating airports may create a special airport fund, and provide that all receipts from the operation of such airports be deposited in such fund, which fund shall remain intact from year to year and may be pledged to the payment of aviation bonds, or kept for future maintenance, construction or operation of airports or airport facilities.

(4) To lease such airports or other air navigation facilities, or real property acquired or set apart for airport purposes, to private parties, any municipal or state government or the national government, or any department of either thereof, for operation; to lease or assign to private parties, any municipal or state government or the national government, or any department of either thereof, for operation or use consistent with the purposes of this chapter, space, area, improvements, or equipment of such airports; to sell any part of such airports, other air navigation facilities or real property to any municipal or state government, or to the United States or any department or instrumentality thereof, for aeronautical purposes or purposes incidental thereto, and to confer the privileges of concessions of supplying upon its airports goods, commodities, things, services and facilities: *Provided*, That in each case in so doing the public is not deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use thereof.

(5) Such municipality acting through its governing body may sell or lease any property, real or personal, acquired for airport purposes and belonging to the municipality, which, in the judgment of its governing body, may not be required for aircraft landings, aircraft takeoffs or related aeronautic purposes, in accordance with the laws of this state, or the provisions of the charter of the municipality, governing the sale or leasing of similar municipally

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owned property. The municipal airport commission, if one has been organized and appointed under subdivision (1) of this section, may lease any airport property for aircraft landings, aircraft takeoffs or related aeronautic purposes: *Provided*, That if there is a finding by the governing body of the municipality that any airport property, real or personal, is not required for aircraft landings, aircraft takeoffs or related aeronautic purposes, then the municipal airport commission may lease such space, land, area or improvements, or construct improvements, or take leases back for financing purposes, grant concessions on such space, land, area or improvements, all for industrial or commercial purposes, by private negotiation and under such terms and conditions as to the municipal airport commission may seem just and proper: *Provided*, That any such lease of real property for aircraft manufacturing or aircraft industrial purposes or to any manufacturer of aircraft or aircraft parts or for any other business, manufacturing or industrial purpose or operation relating to, identified with or in any way dependent upon the use, operation or maintenance of the airport, or for any commercial or industrial purpose may be made for any period not to exceed seventy-five years: *And provided further*, That any such lease of real property made for a longer period than ten years shall contain provisions requiring the municipality and the lessee to permit the rentals for each five year period thereafter, to be readjusted at the commencement of each such period, if written request for such readjustment is given by either party to the other at least thirty days before the commencement of the five year period in respect of which such readjustment is requested. If in such event the parties cannot agree upon the rentals for such five year period they shall submit to have the disputed rentals for such five year period

adjusted by arbitration. The lessee shall pick one arbitrator and the governing body of the municipality one, and the two so chosen shall select a third, and such board of arbitrators, after a review of all pertinent facts may increase or decrease such rentals, or continue the previous rate thereof.

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The proceeds of sale of any property the purchase price of which was obtained by the sale of bonds shall be deposited in the bond sinking fund. In the event all the proceeds of sale are not needed to pay the principal of bonds remaining unpaid, the remainder shall be paid into the airport fund of the municipality. The proceeds of sales of property the purchase price of which was paid from appropriations of tax funds shall be paid into the airport fund of the municipality.

(6) To determine the charges or rental for the use of any properties under its control and the charges for any services or accommodations, and the terms and conditions under which such properties may be used: *Provided*, That in all cases the public is not deprived of its rightful, equal and uniform use of such property. Charges shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of service and established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expense of operation to the municipality. The municipality shall have and may enforce liens, as provided by law for liens and enforcement thereof, for repairs to or improvement or storage or care of any personal property, to enforce the payment of any such charges.

(7) To exercise all powers necessarily incidental to the exercise of the general and special powers herein granted.

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