

**POLICY OF READING REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
REGARDING AERONAUTICAL USES OF AIRPORT HANGARS**

I. PURPOSE OF POLICY

The Board of Reading Regional Airport Authority adopts this Policy to provide guidance to Airport tenants regarding the use of hangars at Reading Regional Airport.

II. AIRPORT MUST BE SELF-SUSTAINING

Section 511(a)(9) of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. §47107(a)(13) requires airports accepting FAA grants to be as self-sustaining as possible under the circumstances at the airport.

Grant Assurances 24, Fee and Rental Structure, contains this self-sustaining requirement, as do the FAA's Policy regarding Airport Rates and Charges, 78 Fed. Reg. 55330 (September 10, 2013) and Policy and Procedure concerning the use of Airport Revenue, 64 Fed. Reg. 7696 (February 16, 1999).

III. AERONAUTICAL VERSUS NON-AERONAUTICAL USE

FAA defines "aeronautical use" as any activity that involves, makes possible, is required for the safety of, or is directly related to the operation of aircraft.

FAA defines all other uses of the airport as non-aeronautical.

IV. POLICY

1. Under Federal Law, airport sponsors which have accepted federal grants generally must use, or cause to be used, airport property for aeronautical uses.

2. Non-aeronautical uses of hangars, because of the limited hangar availability at Reading Regional Authority, interferes with or displaces aeronautical uses of available hangar space.

3. Note: This Policy does not apply to the main hangars of the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, so long as said hangars are used for museum purposes.

V. HANGARS

Hangars located on Reading Regional Airport Authority property must be used for an aeronautical purpose or be available for use for aeronautical purposes.

VI. AERONAUTICAL USES

Aeronautical uses for hangars include:

1. Storage of active aircraft;
2. Final assembly of aircraft under construction;
3. Non-commercial construction of amateur built or kit built aircraft (Note: this is not permitted in T-hangars);
4. Maintenance, repair or refurbishment of aircraft, but not the indefinite storage of non-operational aircraft;
5. Storage of aircraft handling equipment such as towbars, workbenches, and tools and materials used in the servicing, maintenance, repair or outfitting of aircraft;
6. Provided the hangar is used primarily for aeronautical purposes, non-aeronautical items to be stored in hangars are permitted provided the items do not interfere with the aeronautical use of the hangar;

VII. OTHER MATTERS

1. To the extent not otherwise covered by this Policy, reference is made to the Policy on the non-aeronautical use of airport hangars issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, 14 CFR Chapter 1 (Federal Register June 15, 2016); and

2. Since Reading Regional Airport Authority generally generates more revenue from aeronautical uses than from non-aeronautical uses, this Policy supports the obligation of Reading Regional Airport Authority to be as self-sustaining as possible.

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