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EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT RESTRICTIONS SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT ON MAY 19, 2015

May 12, 2015 – Late last week, the Town of East Hampton received confirmation that the three local laws adopted by the East Hampton Town Board on April 16, 2015 have been filed with the Secretary of State. These laws will provide meaningful noise relief, while minimizing both the impact on users and the potential diversion to other airports.

- Local Law #3 calls for a mandatory nighttime curfew, from 11pm to 7am.
- Local Law #4 calls for an extended curfew on noisy aircraft, from 8pm to 9am.
- Local Law #5 calls for a limit on noisy aircraft to one trip – a single landing and takeoff – each week during the summer season.

On May 7, 2015, the Town adopted a fourth law that refines the penalties provision and definitions and that codifies the Town's intent to evaluate the effectiveness of the restrictions. The clarifications to Chapter 75 will be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

On April 29, 2015 a group of opponents filed a legal action in federal court seeking to delay the implementation of the Local Laws. A hearing on the opponents' application for a **temporary restraining order (TRO) was originally scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015. Because of a change in the judge who will be presiding over this litigation, the Court changed the hearing to Monday, May 18, 2015 at 10:00 am at the United States Courthouse in Central Islip.**

The TRO hearing is limited to the opponents' arguments that they will be irreparably harmed in the short term while the case is in the courts. The Town Board is confident that it will prevail in the litigation. The Town has agreed to postpone enforcement of the Local Laws until after the hearing. Therefore, Local Laws #3, #4 and #5 **will take effect on May 19, 2015.** For purposes of enforcing Local Law #5, any operations before May 19 will not count against the one-trip-per week limit during the week beginning Sunday May 17, 2015.

The Town will post an update when the Court rules on the TRO request.

Information on these laws as well as the court filings is available at www.htoplanning.com.

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