

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-024

Adopted by Sacramento City Council

March 28, 2006

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 17.16.010, 17.24.030, AND 17.24.050 OF
TITLE 17 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE (THE ZONING CODE)
RELATING TO HELIPORTS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

Section 17.16.010 of Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code (the Zoning Code) is amended as follows:

A. The definition of "heliport" is amended to read as follows:

"Heliport" means an area of land or water or a structural surface which is used or intended to be used for the landing and take-off of helicopters, along with any appurtenant areas which are used, or intended to be used, for heliport buildings and other heliport facilities, and that is permitted or licensed by the California Department of Transportation.

B. The definition of "helistop" is amended to read as follows:

"Helistop" means a minimally developed heliport for boarding and discharging passengers or cargo. The heliport/helistop relationship is comparable to a bus terminal/bus stop relationship with respect to the extent of services provided or expected. Unless otherwise stated, all references to heliports in this chapter shall include helistops.

C. The definition of "Helistop, Emergency" is repealed.

D. The following definitions for "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Helicopter Landing Site," "Emergency Evacuation Facility," "Emergency Use Facility," "Rooftop Emergency Facility," "State Regulations," and "Temporary Helicopter Landing Site" are added to read as follows:

"Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Helicopter Landing Site" means a site that is not permitted or licensed as a heliport or helistop and that is located at or as near as practical to a medical emergency or at or near a medical facility and is designated an EMS Helicopter Landing Site by the Fire Chief or his or her designee under authority of Public Utilities Code section 21662.1 and the State regulations.

"Emergency Evacuation Facility" means a Rooftop Emergency Facility.

“Emergency Use Facility” means an area for accommodating helicopters in support of emergency public safety agency operations, but that is not permitted or licensed as a heliport or helistop.

“Rooftop Emergency Facility” means a clear area of a roof of a tall building that is not permitted or licensed as a heliport or helistop and is not intended to function as a heliport, yet is capable of accommodating helicopters engaged in fire fighting and/or emergency evacuation operations. Rooftop Emergency Facility is also known as an “Emergency Evacuation Facility.”

“State regulations” means the rules and regulations governing airports and heliports issued by the California State Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics (21 California Code of Regulations §3525 *et seq.* “Airports and Heliports”), including the recommendations contained in the Federal Aviation Administration’s Advisory Circular AC 150/5390-2B and all other AC’s referenced by and/or incorporated into the rules and regulations governing airports and heliports issued by the California State Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics.

“Temporary Helicopter Landing Site” means a site, other than an Emergency Medical Services Helicopter Landing Site, that is not permitted or licensed as a heliport or helistop and that is used for landing and taking off of helicopters, where the use is for one year or less, except for recurrent or annual events, is not marked or lighted as a heliport, and is not used exclusively for helicopter operations.

E. Except as specifically amended in this Section 2, all other provisions of section 17.16.010 remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 2.

Section 17.24.030 Commercial Land Use Chart of Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code (the Zoning Code) is amended as follows:

A. The matrix for “Helistop - Emergency” set forth in Table 17.24.030 A is amended to read as follows:

Uses Allowed	RE	R-1	R-1A	R-1B	R-2	R-2A	R-2B	R-3	R-3A	R-4	R-5	RMX	RO	OB
Heliport or Helistop	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57/69	57	57/18

B. The matrix for “Helistop - Emergency” set forth in Table 17.24.030 B is amended to read as follows:

Uses Allowed	EC	HC	SC	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	M-1	M-1(S)	M-2	M-2(S)	MIP	MRD	H	SPX	TC	A	AOS	F	AR P-F
Heliport or Helistop	57 /53	57 /16	57 /15	57	57	57	57	57	57 /20	57	57 /20	57 /53	57 /53	57	57 /70	57 /71	57 /72	57 /72	57 /19	

C. Except as specifically amended for the uses indicated, all other provisions of section 17.24.030 and Tables 17.24.030 A and 17.24.030 B remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

Section 17.24.050 of Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code (the Zoning Code) is amended as follows:

A. Footnote 57 of section 17.24.050 is amended to read as follows:

57. Heliport or Helistop.

a. Except as provided otherwise in this footnote 57, a special permit approved by the planning commission under Chapter 17.212 shall be required to establish or operate a heliport or helistop at a location other than at an existing airport.

b. Approval of the special permit by the planning commission shall be deemed to be approval of the plan of construction for the heliport or helistop under California Public Utilities Code section 21661.5.

c. All terms and conditions of approval for the heliport or helistop required by the California Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics, the Federal Aviation Administration, or any other state or federal agency shall be deemed to be conditions of approval of the special permit.

d. Each special permit shall be conditioned on the owner and operator of the heliport or helistop complying at all times with the following operational requirements:

i. Compliance with the provisions of Chapter 12.92 of this code;

ii. Compliance with the State regulations.

e. Rooftop Emergency Facilities, Emergency Medical Services Helicopter Landing Areas, Temporary Helicopter Landing Sites, and Emergency Use Facilities are not heliports subject to this footnote 57. These facilities are allowed in any zone subject to compliance with the State regulations and Chapter 12.92 of this code.

B. Except as specifically amended by the amendments to footnote 57, all other provisions of section 17.24.050 remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

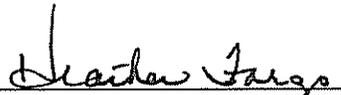
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on March 28, 2006 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

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