



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Airports Division
Great Lakes Region
2300 E. Devon Avenue
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

December 23, 2014

Mayor Sam Kooiker
Rapid City
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Honorable Mayor Kooiker:

The FAA Great Lakes Regional Office (FAA) has received your request for review of a proposed Ordinance known as, AN ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD AND THE RAPID CITY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BY ADDING SECTION 2.72.115 TO THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE. We very much appreciate your efforts to request the FAA review the proposed Ordinance prior to further action being taken by the City.

We have reviewed the proposed Ordinance and have determined there does not appear to be a violation of federal compliance obligations provided that costs charged for firefighting services are appropriately allocated to the airport in accordance with the revenue use policy including the following provisions:

- Rapid City fully implements a recordkeeping system to track when Rapid City Fire Department fire fighters assigned to the airport conduct non-airport work.
- The Airport develops a process to verify payments for firefighting services are only for airport purposes and that any time spent on non-airport firefighting assignments are credited back to the airport.
- The Rapid City Fire Department (RCFD) may provide Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services provided that the firefighting personnel assigned to the airport are properly trained to perform their duties per 14 CFR §139.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (847) 294-7087.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Birke Rhodes".

Birke Rhodes
Manger, Safety Standards Branch

cc: Rapid City Regional Airport
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