



## Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 14-61 Establishing 2015 Operating and Occupancy Rates for Non-Signatory Airlines and Other Users at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport

**From:**

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**Summary:**

Attached is an ordinance establishing operating and occupancy rates for non-signatory airlines and other users at the Colorado Springs Airport, effective January 1, 2015.

**Previous Council Action:**

This ordinance is adopted each year to establish rates and charges not defined under the Airport's Airline Use and Lease Agreement.

**Background:**

Most airlines that serve the Colorado Springs Airport operate under a Use and Lease Agreement that establishes operating procedures and minimum space requirements. The agreement also sets rates and charges for use of the Airport's airfield and terminal facilities. Some airlines, however, prefer to operate outside of the Use and Lease Agreement to avoid the Airport's minimum space requirements and committing to a specific term. These airlines are willing to pay a higher rate in exchange for the flexibility to operate as a non-signatory airline.

Each year, an ordinance that establishes a schedule of rates and charges for non-signatory airlines and other users is adopted. This agenda item establishes the non-signatory rates and charges for the calendar year of 2015.

**Financial Implications:**

Revenue collected from non-signatory airlines is applied to operations and maintenance costs and debt service requirements of the Airport system. Under provisions in the Airline Use and Lease Agreement, any revenue in excess of these requirements is utilized to reduce rates charges for the Airport's signatory airlines.

**Board/Commission Recommendation:**

The specifics of the non-signatory rate ordinance are reviewed each year with the Airport Advisory Commission as a part of the budget process.

**Stakeholder Process:**

The airlines are the primary stakeholders affected by this system of rates and charges, and were given an opportunity for input during the lease negotiation process. Other affected parties include

general aviation and military users of the airport. These stakeholders are given input through the Airport Advisory Commission.

**Alternatives:**

Although the prior year (2014) Non-Signatory and Other Users fees Ordinance would remain in effect if this ordinance is not adopted, the Airport would not be in compliance with bond covenant(s), FAA grants assurances and FAA rate making methodology.

**Proposed Motion:**

Move to adopt an ordinance establishing the 2015 operating and occupancy rates for non-signatory airlines and other users at the Colorado Springs Airport.

An Ordinance Establishing 2015 Operating and Occupancy Rates For Non-Signatory Airlines and Other Users At The Colorado Springs Municipal Airport