

LITTLE FALLS / MORRISON COUNTY AIRPORT

AIRPORT ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

PROJECT FACT SHEET



Background

The City of Little Falls is updating the airport zoning ordinance of the Little Falls/Morrison County Airport. The airport is an essential public facility.

The purpose of the airport zoning ordinance is to restrict land uses and object heights near the airport prevent the establishment of airport safety hazards to those on the ground and the flying public. This process will replace the current ordinance adopted in 1993.

The airport zoning process and standards follow Minnesota Statutes Chapter 360 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8800.2400, respectively.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why is an airport zoning ordinance needed?

An airport zoning ordinance is needed for the safety of those on the ground and the flying public. Public airports must enact airport zoning to receive funding from MnDOT Office of Aeronautics for operations and airport improvements.

Why is the ordinance being updated?

The airport zoning ordinance needs to be updated to protect for the future runway configuration shown on the Airport Layout Plan (ALP), and to receive MnDOT funding for future Runway 18-36 improvements.

Is the Little Falls Airport expanding?

No, however a paved replacement to Runway 18-36 to meet safety needs for existing aircraft is currently identified for funding within the next five years.

What is the Joint Airport Zoning Board?

The Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) is made up of representatives of the affected jurisdictions within the airport hazard area, which can extend up to 2 miles from the airport boundary. The JAZB is responsible for creating and adopting the ordinance.

Who enforces the ordinance?

The local planning & zoning official within your jurisdiction is responsible for enforcing the ordinance.



Airport Facts

Owner: City of Little Falls & Morrison County

Location: 2 miles south of Little Falls

Runways: 13-31 (4,010' x 75', paved)
18-36 (2,902' x 170', turf)

Based Aircraft: 34

Annual Takeoffs/Landings: 22,450 (est.)

What are the airport zoning restrictions on my property?

Land use and height restrictions depend on the location of your property relative to the airport. The second page has proposed airport zoning maps with proposed restrictions.

The proposed restrictions meet *minimum* state laws. No additional restrictions are proposed.

Can existing land uses remain?

With some exceptions, regulations are not retroactive and existing land uses can remain.

Can variances be issued?

Yes, there is a process for a Board of Adjustment to consider issuing variances to the ordinance.

How can I learn more?

The draft ordinance and maps can be viewed at cityoflittlefalls.com. There will be two (2) public hearings to learn more and share your input.

Project Contact

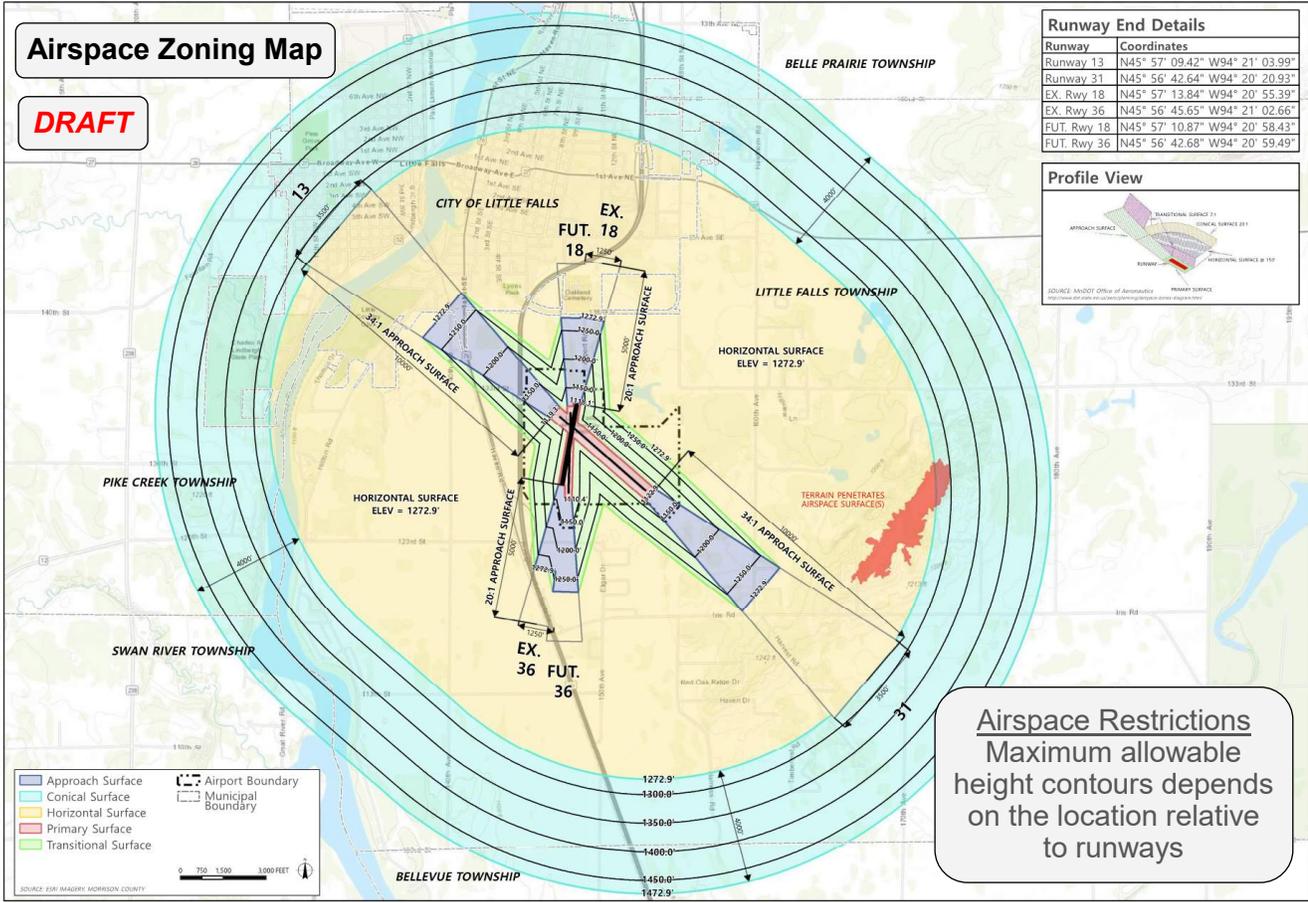
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Airspace Zoning Map

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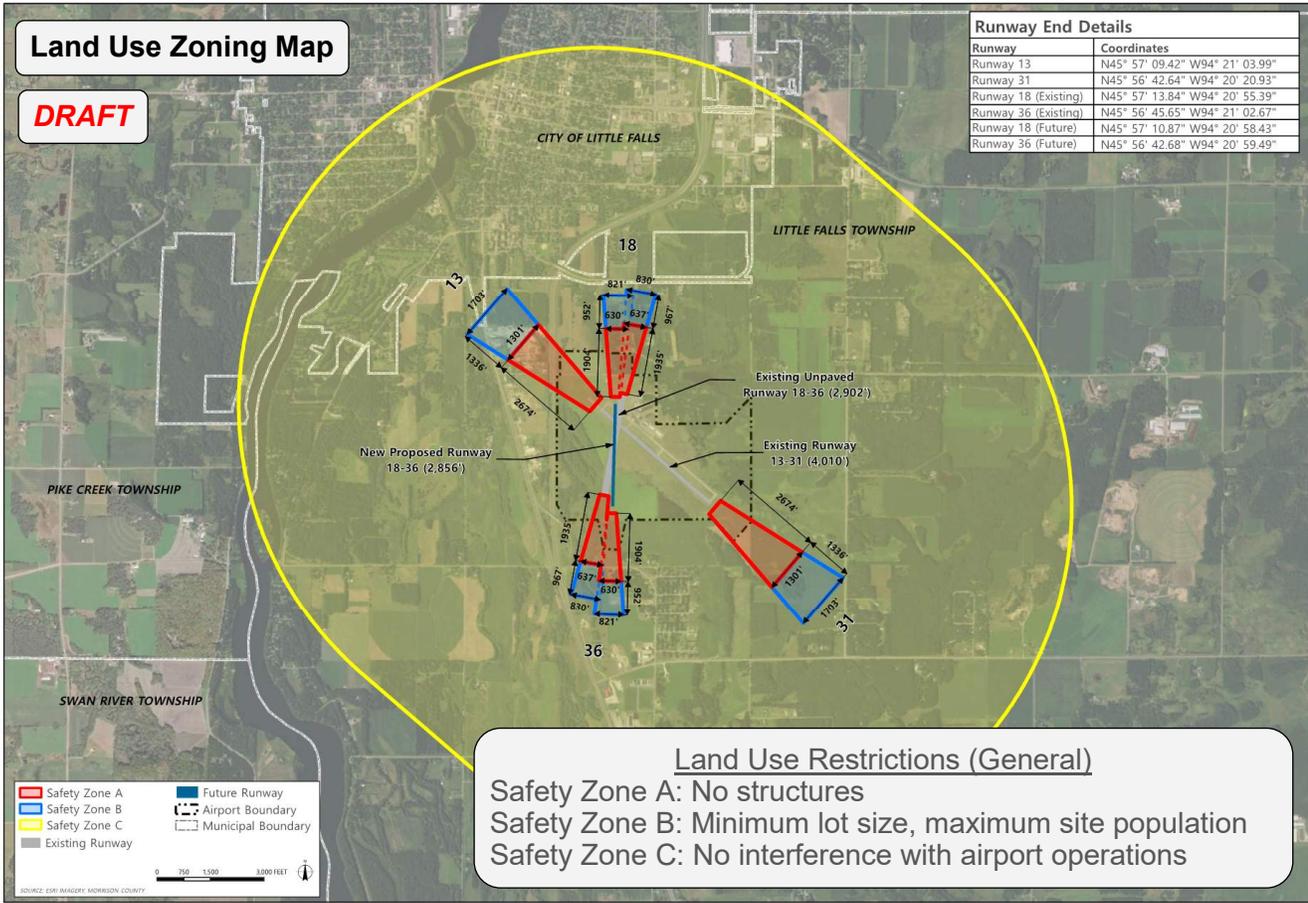
Airspace Restrictions
Maximum allowable height contours depends on the location relative to runways

B1: Existing/Future Airspace Zoning Map
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Land Use Zoning Map

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Land Use Restrictions (General)
Safety Zone A: No structures
Safety Zone B: Minimum lot size, maximum site population
Safety Zone C: No interference with airport operations

B3: Existing Land Use Zoning Map
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