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Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
Seattle Airports District Office  
2200 S. 216th Street  
Des Moines, WA. 98198

ATTN: Mandi Lesaus, WA Compliance Specialist

Dear Ms. Lesaus

The Port of Olympia has received a request (Attachment A) from the Housing Authority of Thurston County (HATC) to **“petition the FAA to terminate the deed restrictions on residential uses”** on a parcel of non-aeronautical, federally deeded surplus land owned by the Port.

The HATC is a non-governmental, not-for-profit agency, that provides housing and services to persons with disabilities, low-income or at-risk individuals and families. The petitioner wishes to purchase an existing privately-owned hotel (OYO) on federally obligated Airport land currently leased from the Port and to **“convert the OYO Hotel to permanent housing for low-income seniors and neighbors with disabilities.”** The HATC would then enter into a currently undefined contractual relationship (land lease or land purchase) with the Port of Olympia. As you are aware, Rep. Strickland has forwarded correspondence to FAA Administrator Dickson, related to this request.

The **Port of Olympia Commission** views this request favorably and seeks FAA guidance on how to formally request approval of release from federal obligations for this *unique* request.

The Port recognizes the request by HATC to **“petition the FAA to terminate the deed restrictions on residential uses”** may not address the full extent of the Port’s obligations regarding this property. Specifically, the Port obligation(s) under FAA Order 5190.6b and the Airport Sponsor Grant Assurances is to not permit incompatible land uses (residential) on or adjacent to the Airport. Additionally, this request would need to meet the criteria of **FAA Consideration of Releases** established in **FAA Order 5190.6b, Section 22.4** regarding “the net benefit to civil aviation and the compatibility of the proposal with the needs of civil aviation.” The Port requests your guidance on how to formally proceed with a request that addresses the above and any and all further federal obligations or restrictions.

I look forward to your guidance on this matter.

Respectfully,



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Port of Olympia / Olympia Regional Airport

c: File, L. Watson, S. Gibboney, A. Roe, Port Commissioners, HATC, City of Tumwater

Enclosures: Attachment A