

ORDINANCE 2025-08

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO THE AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VISALIA AND AIRCRAFT MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. (AMS)

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2002, the City Council of the City of Visalia approved a 30-year lease agreement between the City of Visalia and Darrell Tunnell Co., commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2032, for property located at the Visalia Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2004, Darrell Tunnell Co. was incorporated as Aircraft Mechanical Services, Inc. (AMS), the current tenant and operator of the aircraft maintenance facility at the airport; and

WHEREAS, AMS has requested an amendment and extension to the existing lease agreement to add four (4) additional five (5) year mutual option periods, resulting in a potential new lease end date of June 30, 2052; and

WHEREAS, AMS has requested to add Byron Vander Welde as an additional LESSEE with AMS; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease amendment includes a provision requiring that the LESSEE (AMS) shall provide LESSOR (City of Visalia) with a written request to extend the term of the Lease pursuant to the requirements of Section 2.A at least Ninety (90) days prior to the end of the current term, and thereafter, at least Ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of each mutually agreed to five (5) year extension period. LESSOR reserves the right to deny any extension request, and approval of any extension request by LESSOR shall not be deemed or otherwise interpreted as an approval of any subsequent extension request; and

WHEREAS, the lease amendment has been reviewed and found permissible by both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will provide additional lease term for the LESSEE ahead of anticipated building improvements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VI, Section 16 of the Visalia City Charter, which provides that no lease of City-owned real property shall be made for a period longer than five (5) years except by ordinance adopted by the Council, this action is being taken by ordinance and requires the affirmative vote of four-fifths of all Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that approving the proposed lease amendment and extension is in the best interest of the City of Visalia and the continued successful operation of the Visalia Municipal Airport.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA that the proposed amendment and extension to the Airport Lease Agreement between the City of Visalia and Aircraft Mechanical Services Inc. (AMS) is hereby approved, and the City Manager is authorized to execute said amendment on behalf of the City of Visalia.

PASSED AND ADOPTED

BRETT TAYLOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LESLIE B. CAVIGLIA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF TULARE) ss.
CITY OF VISALIA)

I, Leslie B. Caviglia, City Clerk of the City of Visalia, certify the foregoing is the full and true Ordinance 2025-08 passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Visalia at a regular meeting held on _____ and certify a summary of this ordinance will be published in the Visalia Times Delta.

Dated:

LESLIE B. CAVIGLIA, CITY CLERK

By Reyna Rivera, Chief Deputy City Clerk