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RE: Ad Hoc Committee Meeting -Proposed Modification of Wilmington International Airport (ILM)
Class C Airspace

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Invitee:

Airport Authority

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Wilmington International Airport Air Traffic Control Tower has submitted a proposed modification of ILM Class C Airspace. You are formally invited to attend the initial ad hoc committee meeting regarding the proposed airspace change. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 9-11 am, at the ILM Administration Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Terminal Building, 1740 Airport Blvd. If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to participate virtually, there will be opportunity to join via Zoom.

Per FAA Order 7400.2P, Chapter 14-2-3(b), the FAA has requested the Wilmington International Airport/New Hanover County Airport Authority to coordinate the formation of the ad hoc committee. The sole intent of the committee is to give users the opportunity to provide input to the FAA regarding the proposed airspace modification. Please see attached for the proposed ILM Class C as submitted by the FAA. At the ad hoc committee meeting, you can expect the following from FAA representative:

- A review of the FAA's requirements for modifying Class C. Airspace,
- A review of the FAA's policy for establishing ad hoc committees and the intended purpose of ad hoc committees, and
- A briefing of the proposed airspace modification, and why an airspace change is needed.

Airport Director

Jeffrey Bourk, A.A.E.

Once the initial FAA briefing is complete, the FAA's role on the committee will be limited to the role of technical advisor or subject matter expert only. The FAA is not a voting member of the group and is not responsible for the operation of the committee or the development of recommendations.

For your consideration, it is expected that at the initial meeting, the committee will elect a chairperson(s) to lead the committee's efforts through completion of their work. Once completed, the chairperson(s) will ensure that a written report is prepared summarizing the committee's efforts and documenting its recommendations for FAA consideration.

If you, or your designee, plan to participate, please RSVP by emailing info@flyilm.com no later than September 26, 2024. Please note in the RSVP if you will attend in-person or virtually. A Zoom meeting invite will be sent to those that choose to attend virtually. Thank you in advance for your anticipated participation. Please feel free to share this invitation with others that may be interested in the proposed airspace changes.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
Proposed ILM Class C
Directions to ILM Terminal

Proposed Airspace Design

Written Descriptions

Existing Class D - ILM Class D airspace is 5 statute miles in diameter, centered around the ILM airport. The airspace vertical limits extend from the surface up to and including 2,500' MSL.

Proposed Class C - The preliminary starting point for Class C discussion is depicted on the following pages. Accepted Class C design standards, areas of known and/or observed IFR/VFR conflicts, and pre-existing flight paths/instrument procedures determine the boundaries and altitudes of the preliminary presentation of a possible Class C.

Airspace Depiction

Top Altitudes - The ILM airport elevation is 31 feet MSL. IFR jet departures are climbing to 5,000 feet MSL and IFR propeller departures are climbing to 2,000 feet MSL. There are no Standard Terminal Arrival Routes, nor are there any standardized arrival altitudes. IAW 7400.2P The proposed top altitude for the ILM Class C is 4,000 feet MSL.

Bottom Altitude of the Outer Shelf - The proposed bottom altitude of the outer shelf is 1,200 feet. This is IAW 7400.2P and due to the near sea level average elevation throughout the ILM approach airspace.



Directions

Wilmington International Airport (ILM)
1740 Airport Blvd., 2nd Floor, Terminal Building
Wilmington, NC 28405

From the North (Jacksonville, NC area)

Take Highway 17 South into Wilmington where Hwy 17 becomes Market Street. Take a right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and take the Wilmington International Airport exit. Turn left on 23rd Street and the airport is ahead on the right hand side.

From the South (Myrtle Beach, SC area)

Take Highway 17 North into Wilmington, exit at the Highway 133 & 421 North Airport exit. Just past the USS Battleship North Carolina take a right onto the Isabelle Holmes bridge. This route merges into the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Stay on the Parkway and follow airport directional signs to the 23rd Street Airport Exit, turning right onto 23rd Street. Go approximately 2 miles to Airport Boulevard and turn right, the airport is directly ahead.

From the West

Take Highway 40 into Wilmington. When you get to Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway turn right. Stay on the Parkway and take the Wilmington International Airport exit. Turn left on 23rd Street and the airport is ahead on the right hand side.

Parking and Conference Room Location

Park in any of the parking lots and enter the terminal through the center doors nearest the flags. Your parking will be validated at the meeting. Take the elevator or stairs on either side of the main lobby to the 2nd floor. Follow the walkway to the double doors.