

CHAPTER 330

AIRPORTS

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330.1 Definition.

The word “*airport*” as used in [this chapter](#), shall include landing field, airdrome, aviation field, or other similar term used in connection with aerial traffic.

[C31, 35, §5903-c1; C39, §5903.01; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §330.1]

330.2 Aviation hangar revolving loan fund. Repealed by [2003 Acts, ch 8, §7](#).**330.3** Reserved.**330.4 Joint exercise of powers.**

Agreements between political subdivisions for joint exercise of any powers relating to airports may provide for the creation and establishment of a joint airport commission which, when so created or established, shall function in accordance with the provisions of [sections 330.17 through 330.24](#) insofar as provided by the agreements.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §330.4]

[2020 Acts, ch 1063, §173](#)

Section amended

330.5 through 330.8 Reserved.**330.9 Plans and specifications.**

1. Before an airport is acquired by a city or county, the plans and specifications for it shall be submitted to the state department of transportation which shall require that they show the legal description and plat of the site, distance from the nearest post office and railroad station, location and type of highways, location and type of obstructions on and near the site, kind of soil and subsoil, costs and details of grading and draining, and location of proposed runways, hangars, buildings, and other structures.

2. The department shall issue approval of the plans and specifications if it finds that they are in substantial accord with the rules promulgated by the department or with the regulations of the federal aviation administration or other department of the federal government having general supervision of air navigation as it relates to plans and specifications for airports.

[C31, 35, §5903-c7; C39, §5903.07; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §330.9]

[83 Acts, ch 101, §75](#)

Section not amended; unnumbered paragraphs editorially redesignated as subsections

330.10 through 330.12 Reserved.**330.13 Federal aid.**

1. Any subdivision of government is authorized to accept, receive, and receipt for federal moneys, and other moneys, either public or private, for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, or operation of airports, and other air navigation facilities, and sites for airports and other navigation facilities, and to comply

with the laws of the United States and any regulations for the expenditure of federal moneys upon airports and other air navigation facilities.

2. All preapplications for funds authorized to be received pursuant to [this section](#) by any governmental subdivision, commission, or authority, whether acting alone or jointly with another governmental or private entity, shall be approved by the state transportation commission prior to being submitted to any federal agency or department. Approval shall be based on criteria consistent with the Iowa aviation system plan. However, [this subsection](#) does not apply to preapplications from airports which receive federal primary commercial service entitlement funds if the airport making the preapplication files a copy of the preapplication with the state department of transportation.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §330.13]

[93 Acts, ch 87, §12](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1062, §45](#)

Section amended

330.14 through 330.16 Reserved.

330.17 Airport commission — election.

1. The council of any city or county which owns or acquires an airport may, and upon the council’s receipt of a valid petition as provided in [section 362.4](#), or receipt of a petition by the board of supervisors as provided in [section 331.306](#) shall, at an election held on a date specified in [section 39.2, subsection 4](#), paragraph “a” or “b”, as applicable, submit to the voters the question as to whether the management and control of the airport shall be placed in an airport commission. If a majority of the voters favors placing the management and control of the airport in an airport commission, the commission shall be established as provided in [this chapter](#).

2. The management and control of an airport by an airport commission may be ended in the same manner. If a majority of the voters does not favor continuing the management and control of the airport in an airport commission, the commission shall stand abolished sixty days from and after the date of the election, and the power to maintain and operate the airport shall revert to the city or county.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §330.17; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1054](#)]

[91 Acts, ch 129, §24](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1115, §54, 71](#)

Referred to in [§330.4, 330.23, 330.24, 331.381, 331.382](#)

330.18 Notice of election.

Notice of the election shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, subject to [section 362.3](#) or in the county, subject to [section 331.305](#).

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §330.18; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1055](#)]

Referred to in [§330.4, 330.23, 330.24, 331.381, 331.382](#)

330.19 Form of question.

The question to be submitted shall be in the following form:

Shall the City (or County) of place (or continue) the management and control of its airport (or airports) in an Airport Commission?

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §330.19; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1056](#)]

Referred to in [§330.4, 330.23, 330.24, 331.381, 331.382](#)

330.20 Appointment of commission — terms.

When a majority of the voters favors airport control and management by a commission, the governing body shall, within ten days, appoint an airport commission of three or five members, each of whom shall be a resident of the city or county establishing the commission or a resident of a city or county in this state served by the airport. At least two of the members of a three-member commission and at least three of the members of a five-member commission shall be residents of the city or county establishing the commission. The governing body shall by ordinance set the commencement dates of office and the length of

the terms of office which shall be no more than six and no less than three years. The terms of the first appointees of a newly created commission shall be staggered by length of term and all subsequent appointments shall be for full terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made. Members of the airport commission shall serve without compensation. Each commissioner shall execute and furnish a bond in an amount fixed by the governing body and filed with the city clerk of the city, or county auditor of the county, establishing the commission. The commission shall elect from its own members a chairperson and a secretary who shall serve for a term as the commission shall determine.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §330.20]

[83 Acts, ch 123, §131, 209](#); [91 Acts, ch 76, §1](#); [2009 Acts, ch 114, §1](#); [2011 Acts, ch 34, §83](#)

Referred to in [§330.4](#), [330.23](#), [330.24](#), [331.321](#), [331.381](#), [331.382](#)

330.21 Powers — funds.

1. The commission has all of the powers in relation to airports granted to cities and counties under state law, except powers to sell the airport. The commission shall annually certify the amount of tax within the limitations of state law to be levied for airport purposes, and upon certification the governing body may include all or a portion of the amount in its budget.

2. All funds derived from taxation or otherwise for airport purposes shall be under the full and absolute control of the commission for the purposes prescribed by law, and shall be deposited with the county treasurer or city clerk to the credit of the airport commission, and shall be disbursed only on the written warrants or orders of the airport commission, including the payment of all indebtedness arising from the acquisition and construction of airports and their maintenance, operation, and extension.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §330.21; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1057](#); [82 Acts, ch 1104, §10](#)]

[2020 Acts, ch 1062, §94](#)

Referred to in [§330.4](#), [330.24](#)

Code editor directive applied

330.22 Annual report — publishing.

The airport commission shall immediately after the close of each municipal fiscal year, file with the city clerk or county auditor a detailed and audited written report of all money received and disbursed by the commission during said fiscal year, and shall publish a summary thereof in an official newspaper.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §330.22]

Referred to in [§330.4](#), [330.24](#)

330.23 No restriction on administrative agencies.

1. [This chapter](#) does not prohibit a city from establishing an administrative agency pursuant to [chapter 392](#) to manage and control all or part of its airport in lieu of an airport commission under [this chapter](#). A city may abolish an airport commission and provide for the management and control of its airport by an administrative agency.

2. [Sections 330.17 through 330.20](#) do not apply to the abolition of an airport commission by a city pursuant to [this section](#) for the purpose of establishing an administrative agency pursuant to [chapter 392](#) to manage and control all or part of its airport. The commission shall stand abolished sixty days from the date of the city council's final approval abolishing the airport commission pursuant to [this section](#), unless the council designates a different effective date.

[88 Acts, ch 1229, §1](#); [89 Acts, ch 182, §1](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1062, §94](#)

Referred to in [§330.4](#)

Code editor directive applied

330.24 No restrictions on former commissions.

Nothing in [sections 330.17 through 330.22](#) shall be interpreted as limiting or affecting airport commissions of cities in the above classification which have already been in existence and operation prior to January 1, 1941, under the provisions of [this chapter](#).

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §330.24]

[2020 Acts, ch 1063, §174](#)

Referred to in [§330.4](#)

Section amended