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Reference: Notice of Annexation of Cottage Grove State Airport into the City of Cottage Grove

As discussed in a tenant meeting on July 15th, 2014 and then again on September 18th, 2014, Oregon Department of Aviation has discussed the possibility of Annexing the Cottage Grove State Airport into the City of Cottage Grove. This provides many benefits for the airport, such as; permitting through the city, the option for water and sewer, and increased safety through city police and fire. These benefits do come at a cost of increased taxes to both the airport and the tenants of the airport.

The following proposal has been discussed and agreed to in concept between the City of Cottage Grove and the Oregon Department of Aviation. The airport will annex into the city of Cottage Grove at the earliest convenience, possibly as early as February 2015. The city and state have agreed that the change in tax rate will not go into effect until one of the following occurs:

1. 10 years from the date of annexation
2. Change in ownership
3. Application for sewer or water services; or
4. New construction

The state recognizes that there remains the possibility that some or all of the current tenants may be in possession of their property after 10 years following annexation. The state is willing to cover the difference in tax rate for current tenants (as of the date of annexation) still in possession of their hangars until there is a change of ownership or tenant makes application for sewer or water service to their current hangar, or new construction that requires permitting through the city.

ODA will take written public comment on this proposed action for 30 days from the date of this letter at the above address or emailed to matthew.d.maass@aviation.state.or.us. ODA believes that this course of action addresses the concerns of annexation by the tenants of Cottage Grove.

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