

## **RESOLUTION NO. 233-2025**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AN AIR CARRIER INCENTIVE POLICY REVISION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Abilene ("City") owns and operates the Abilene Regional Airport ("Airport") and considers it and the air service it facilitates to serve the West Central Texas Region to be vital to the economic growth, well-being, and quality of life of the City and Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the City competes with other cities and Federal programs to attract air service to serve its market; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Air Carrier Incentive Program (ACIP) Policy revised by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on December 7, 2023, the City can offer economic incentives to an airline on a nondiscriminatory basis for a promotional period.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE THAT:**

1. Air Carrier Incentives shall mean (a) the waiver of any rate or charge including, but not limited to landing fees, leased space rental, fuel flowage fees, or other such operating charges directly charged by Abilene Regional Airport; (b) a marketing, advertising, and/or public relations campaign promoting the use of air service at Abilene Regional Airport through appropriate media distribution methods, including any form of advertising, web sites, social media, and public events.
2. Incentives may be offered to any airline offering the following qualifying service:
  - A. New daily scheduled non-stop service in jet aircraft with no fewer than 45 passenger seats to a new destination, including Houston Hobby and Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airports in Houston, Texas, and Denver International Airport in Denver, Colorado, not currently available from Abilene Regional Airport.
  - B. Other airports identified as a service need by Airport staff.
3. Incentives may be offered for a promotional period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months unless the City determines a longer period is necessary to compete with other airports and the FAA determines that a period more than twenty-four months (24) qualifies as a promotional period.
4. Incentives may be offered in differing forms and amounts based on the destination, and/or frequency of service.
5. Incentives shall be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis to all airlines taking into consideration all the relevant factors stated above. A waiver of any rate or charge shall apply only for the individual flights which provide the qualifying service defined in Paragraph 2 above.

6. Incentives other than a waiver of any rate or charge, such as marketing, advertising and/or public relations support, shall be instituted in a manner that, in addition to promoting the new service and/or airline, shall also promote the Airport.
7. In addition, the City may advocate and apply for the operational subsidy, revenue guarantee or other financial assistance from other entities which may be available to an airline to achieve the purposes of this policy.
8. Airport staff may provide consultation to the city and non-airport entities regarding new air carrier service, including financial subsidy and guarantee agreement structures, air service market data, airline negotiations, and airline and market performance.
9. The waiver of any air carrier rates and charges shall be included in the Airport's Lease and Operating Agreement with that air carrier and approved by City Council.
10. This Resolution supersedes and replaces the Air Service Development Incentive Policy adopted by City Council on February 10, 2006.

**ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.**

ATTEST:



Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City Secretary

APPROVED:



Weldon Hurt, Mayor



Stanley Smith, City Attorney

