



Resolution **Winooski Resolution on Noise Insulation**

Whereas, the Burlington International Airport (BTV) has been committed to participating in the voluntary Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sponsored Part 150 program which assesses and quantifies noise impacts from aircraft noise and develops a Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) which will minimize those impacts; and

Whereas, in 2019 the Burlington International Airport released the draft 2018/2023 Noise Exposure Maps (14 CFR Part 150 Update) which expanded the 65 decibel day/night average line into Winooski including 40% of all households in the city; and

Whereas, these homes include 64% of Winooski's subsidized housing, 96% of our subsidized senior housing, our lowest income and highest concentration of renters census blocks and a housing stock that is significantly older than that found in the rest of Chittenden County with 42% of housing stock being built more than 80 years ago; and

Whereas, the City of Winooski submitted public comments to the Burlington International Airport on June 27, 2019, requesting that funding for sound mitigation be included in the Noise Compatibility Program due to its ability to maintain, improve and retain the City's existing housing stock; and

Whereas, home insulation under the Noise Compatibility Program is an FAA program primarily funded by FAA and FAA has final say on the noise insulation; and

Whereas, the program is implemented entirely by the FAA and the Burlington International Airport who will manage all communications, applications, bidding processes for contractors and products and implementation of insulation on houses; and

Whereas, the property owner of record at the time a property is insulated under this program will accept the abatement and such acceptance transfers with the property thus, any subsequent failure of the insulation materials or lack of preventative maintenance by the original property owner does not provide an avenue for any future property owner to make claims that the insulation was not satisfactory; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the City of Winooski requests that acoustic windows and doors meeting a minimum sound transmission class rating of 30 are selected for sound insulation to ensure high quality, long lasting products are used to insulate Winooski homes for years to come and fitting with the character of the existing housing stock; and

Be it Further Resolved, The City requests the FAA and the Airport notify Winooski residents, municipal leadership, and key community partners such as AALV, USCRI, and school leadership as soon as the process and timeline for applications is established, using multiple channels of communication to reach diverse populations in our city including methods such as direct mailing, electronic postings, and translation of materials; and

Be it Further Resolved, The City requests that the FAA and Airport ensure that property owners eligible to apply for the program understand all of the eligibility requirements, restrictions, warranty options and easements, and that program staff are able to support property owners with completing application materials successfully.

Affirmative Vote:

Mayor

Councilor

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Adopted

Rejected

Attest (City Clerk)

Approved Date