

# Resolution

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**All department items requiring Council approval must be submitted through the Mayor's Office.**

### Board Approval

### Other Board Name

### City Council Approval

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Mayors Office

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Resolution Type  
Other

Owner-Grantor

Amount

Case Number

TMAPC Number

Council District

Description (Subject)  
Resolution Naming Tulsa International Airport's New Air Traffic Control Facility Complex

Bid/Project Number

Section

Township

Range

Addition

Lot

Block

Address

### Funding Source(s)

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal: \_\_\_\_\_

Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL:

Date: 10-31-2023

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### Background Information

A resolution naming Tulsa International Airport's new air traffic control facility complex in honor of Senator James M. Inhofe.

### Summation of the Requested Action

Pursuant to the City of Tulsa's adopted Policy for Naming of Public Facilities, dated October, 2, 2008, an *ad hoc* Advisory Committee appointed by the Mayor has considered a request to name the Air Traffic Control Facility Complex in honor of James M. Inhofe and has recommended its approval, consistent with the policy that "facilities may be named for persons who have rendered significant public service in Tulsa, Oklahoma, or the nation; or who have distinguished themselves in the work of the City of Tulsa."

### Emergency Clause?

☐ Yes

☐ No

### Reason for Emergency Clause

### Post Execution Processing

☐ Mail vendor copy (add'l signature copies attached)

☐ Must be filed with other governmental entity

☐ Add'l governmental entity approval(s) required

### Additional Routing and Processing Details

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION NAMING TULSA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITY COMPLEX IN HONOR OF SENATOR JAMES M. INHOFE.

WHEREAS, the Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust is constructing a new Air Traffic Control Facility Complex at Tulsa International Airport, which will consist of an administration building and a new air traffic control tower, to be located at approximately the 7550 block of East 34th Street North; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many decades of service to our nation, state, and region in the United States Army, the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Oklahoma Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and – for nearly three decades – in the United States Senate, Senator Inhofe served the City of Tulsa as Mayor from 1978 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inhofe is an experienced pilot who has supported and promoted aviation throughout his decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inhofe has been instrumental in approving legislation and supporting appropriations providing critical infrastructure funding to our nation's airports, including securing Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) for Tulsa International Airport's Air Traffic Control Facility Complex; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Tulsa's adopted Policy for Naming of Public Facilities, dated October, 2, 2008, an *ad hoc* Advisory Committee appointed by the Mayor has considered a request to name the Air Traffic Control Facility Complex in honor of James M. Inhofe and has recommended its approval, consistent with the policy that "facilities may be named for persons who have rendered significant public service in Tulsa, Oklahoma, or the nation; or who have distinguished themselves in the work of the City of Tulsa."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TULSA:

Section 1. The new Air Traffic Control Facility Complex at Tulsa International Airport shall be named in honor of James M. Inhofe.

Section 2. It is recommended that that the Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust include a plaque or other recognition at the new Air Traffic Control Tower Complex honoring Senator Inhofe and recognizing his service to the Tulsa community and his significant contributions to aviation.

ADOPTED by the Council: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Council

ADOPTED as an emergency measure: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Council

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Received by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date Time

G. T. Bynum, Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Date  
at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

## **TUL Tower Naming Justification**

**Action Requested:** Approve the naming of Tulsa International Airport's new Air Traffic Control Facility Complex in honor of Senator James M. Inhofe.

**Facility Location:** The ATC Facility Complex will be located in the north development area of Tulsa International Airport (see exhibit 1), at approximately the 7500 block of East 34<sup>th</sup> Street North. The nearest main arterial streets are 74<sup>th</sup> East Avenue and Port Road (46<sup>th</sup> Street North).

**Facility Description:** The complex includes a 13,000 square foot base administration building that houses Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) services, a new 256' tall (AGL) air traffic control tower with a 550 square foot cab, and adjacent parking facilities. The Complex will be owned by the airport sponsor, Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust, and leased to the Federal Aviation Administration under a long-term lease agreement.

**Justification for this Requested Action:** Senator James M. Inhofe, who moved to Tulsa with his family when he was eight years old, has a legacy of service to the Tulsa community spanning over 56 years. He has been instrumental in approving legislation and supporting appropriations that provide critical infrastructure funding to our nation's airports. Notably to this request, in 2023, Senator Inhofe secured \$40 million for TUL's air traffic control tower project through a congressionally designated spending request included in the federal budget.

Education: Tulsa Public Schools: Barnard Elementary, Wilson Junior High, Central High School, 1953; University of Tulsa, BSBA in Economics, 1973

### History of Public Service

- U.S. Army, Fort Lee, Virginia 1957-1958
- Elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1966 for District 70 (Tulsa)
- Elected to the Oklahoma Senate in 1968 for District 35 (Tulsa), a position he held until 1977.
- Elected to serve as Mayor of Tulsa in 1978, a position he held until 1984.
- Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986, serving in the 100<sup>th</sup> Congress, a position he held until 1994.
- Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1994, a position he held until January 3, 2023.
- Served as Chair, Committee on Environment and Public Works
- Served as Chair, Committee on Armed Services

### History in Aviation

- Earned pilot's license after serving in the Army when he was 28 years old.
- Introduced the Pilot's Bill of Rights in 1991 to address concerns related to FAA enforcement practices, ensuring that pilots have the right to due process during investigations.





## Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust

- Only member of Congress to fly an airplane around the world when he recreated Wiley Post's legendary trip around the globe in 1991.
- Sponsored The Federal Aviation Administration Reform Act of 1995, removing the FAA from the DOT and reestablished it as an independent federal agency, also establishing the Civil Aeromedical Institute to conduct aeromedical research.
- Instrumental in crafting the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 2003.
- Inserted language in the Fair Treatment for Experienced Pilots Act that raised the mandatory retirement age of commercial pilots from 60 to 65.
- Supported the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, which aimed to improve the efficiency and safety of the national airspace system.
- Advocated for the Small Aircraft Revitalization Act in 2013, which aimed to streamline the certification process for small aircraft, reducing costs and encouraging innovation.
- In 2014, led an Oklahoma delegation letter to FAA Administrator Huerta in support of a UAS integration project that included work by Oklahoma State University to accelerate the future integration of UAS into the national airspace.
- Inaugural recipient of US Air Force Academy's National Character and Leadership Award, recognizing an individual who exemplifies character and leadership in their personal life, professional career and through community service.
- Secured nearly \$1M in grants for Oklahoma aviation workforce programs targeting pilots and maintenance technicians.
- Consistently supported funding for airport infrastructure improvements, aviation safety enhancements, and pilot training programs, including numerous FAA reauthorization bills and funding for NextGen air traffic control systems.
- 2018 Aeronautical Repair Station Association Legislative Leadership Award recipient for his work to address the persistent challenge repair stations face finding and retaining technical talent.
- 2022 recipient of the Aircraft Owner and Pilot Association's "Bob Hoover Trophy" for his many aviation achievements, including championing "important policies and legislation that have benefited every pilot and aircraft owner flying today."
- 2022 recipient of the Aerospace Industries Association's "Wright Stuff Award" for his decades of bipartisan leadership and service to the aerospace and defense industries.
- Awarded the highest civilian honor of the Air & Space Forces Association, the W. Stuart Symington Award for his passion and commitment to America's defense.
- 2022 recipient of the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association "Airvangelist Award" for his persistent commitment to supporting airports across the state of Oklahoma.

**Recommended Public Presentation:** Upon approval, TAIT will include a plaque at the entrance to the new Air Traffic Control Tower Complex honoring Senator Inhofe, recognizing his service to the Tulsa community, and his significant contributions to aviation.



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