

## **TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Title: Waive the reading and adopt the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 10.12 Parking.

Meeting Date: October 18, 2023

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Waive the reading and adopt the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 10.12 Parking.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Mammoth Yosemite Airport parking lot is extremely deteriorated and needs to be reconstructed. The Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) includes a project for the reconstruction of the parking lot. When meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) last year to discuss the ACIP, they mentioned that construction or rehabilitation of a revenue producing parking lot at a non-hub airport is not eligible for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) or Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) grant funding per the Airport Improvement Program Handbook – Order 5100.38D, Change 1. Grant funding for parking lot rehabilitation is only eligible for non-revenue producing parking lots.

### **ANALYSIS:**

In October of 2022, staff removed parking lot signage and stopped collecting fees for overnight parking at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport parking lot so that it would be eligible for grant funding. The Town was previously collecting a fee of \$8/night per ordinance 10.12.200. The fee was used to discourage people from leaving their cars parked for extended periods of time when they were not using the airport services. The fees collected were not substantial enough to pay for any major maintenance. The ordinance needs to be updated to reflect the new operating procedure which does not include collecting a fee. If adopted, the operations will include a permit free of charge for airport users that wish to park overnight. Airport users, as proposed in the new ordinance, are all persons utilizing the Airport for legitimate purposes, including, but not limited to passengers, tenants, airlines, vendors, contractors, and subcontractors. In the event of a town emergency and if temporary overflow parking is needed at Mammoth Yosemite Airport, staff will open the parking lot for everyone and assist with the emergency as needed.

The ordinance to be amended is Municipal Code Chapter 10.12 Parking. The majority of the chapter will remain as is. The proposed amendment will consist of the following components:

- Defining what an “Airport User” is.

- Addition or alteration of text regarding the new overnight permit process.
- Vehicle size limitations.
- Defining what hours are considered overnight and not day use hours.

The proposed ordinance was introduced at the October 4, 2023 Town Council meeting and received minimal comments from council and no public comment.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

In Fiscal Year 2023 the Town received an Airport Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$108,701 for the design of the parking lot reconstruction. In Fiscal Year 2024, staff will apply for an AIG grant of approximately \$1,500,000 for the construction phase of the parking lot rehabilitation. The funding acquired through FAA grants greatly outweighs the funding that would ever be collected from overnight parking fees.