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## Height Restrictions Approved For New Buildings Around Midway Airport

New construction proposed within the approach and departure paths for aircraft using Midway International Airport will be subject to height limitations under a zoning amendment approved today by City Council.

The amendment will create a Midway International Airport Height Overlay District that extends 9,500 feet from the ends of each runway, beginning at a height of 30 feet and rising one foot for every 50 feet away from the airport, whichever is greater.

In instances where the overlay district conflicts with a height limitation specified by an underlying zoning district, the more restrictive provision will apply.

The purpose of the amendment, proposed by the Department of Housing and Economic Development at the request of the Department of Aviation, is to ensure safe and unobstructed takeoff and landing paths around the airport.

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