

RESOLUTION NO. 32863

A RESOLUTION RESTATING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S LONGSTANDING FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTEREST IN AND PROPRIETARY APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY OVER ITS METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga ("City") has been authorized, in its corporate capacity, to establish, construct, equip, maintain, and operate an airport for the use of aeroplanes and other aircraft and may, through its City Council, lease or acquire real property for such use within or without the corporate limits of the City since it was granted that authority from the State of Tennessee by Private Act 1929, Ch. 2, §§ 2, 3, Ord. No. 11272, 5-2-02; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the City created a Metropolitan Airport Authority pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 42-1-101 *et seq.* to provide daily commercial air service to and from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City donated the land, equipment, and other personal property comprising the airport (then known as Lovell Field) to the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority, which the City had just created, for the purpose of the Metropolitan Airport Authority continuing commercial air service operations for the benefit of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that it reasserts its longstanding and proprietary right of appointment authority and control over the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority and the property donated by the City and comprising the airport, the diminution of which would not be in the best interest of Chattanooga's citizens and tourists utilizing that facility, would infringe upon the City's right to establish and maintain municipal airport facilities and/or would constitute an unreasonable taking from the City of Chattanooga.

ADOPTED: April 14, 2026

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