

**LODI TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION # 2009-009
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED RUNWAY EXPANSION OF THE ANN ARBOR
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor airport is under the jurisdiction of the City of Ann Arbor and operated by an independent Authority and the land is located within Pittsfield Charter Township immediately adjacent to residential areas, including Lodi Township;

WHEREAS, the existing width and length of Runway 6-24 has not be posed any substantial safety concerns in the past with only five incidents of landing mishaps out of a total of 600,000 landings in the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes and expansion would shift the runway so that it ends a mere 700 yards from a busy roadway (Lohr Road) and closer to dense residential subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, such a runway will significantly accommodate larger and heavier aircraft, increase air traffic volumes, and increase noise pollution experienced by residential subdivisions in the vicinity of the Ann Arbor airport, thereby resulting in a decline in residential home property values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor has not fully demonstrated the economic and safety justifications for undertaking the proposed runway expansion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor appears to have not taken into consideration the negative safety implications such a runway expansion may impose on the surrounding residential subdivisions by expanding a runway closer to residential subdivisions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lodi Township Board of Trustees urge the City of Ann Arbor to reconsider the merits of expanding the Ann Arbor Airport runway in light of the negative implications such an expansion would impose on the residents of Lodi Township.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Masters, Staebler, Lindemann, Canham, Foley, and Godek.

Nays: Rentschler.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Elaine Masters, Clerk, Lodi Township

DATED: May 12, 2009