

Petition of the Workers of New Smyrna Beach Airport and Their Families to the City Commission, Airport Advisory Board, DCA, FAA, and FL DOT

Our family's income depends on the New Smyrna Beach Airport. The New Smyrna Beach Airport is among the City's top ten employers, employs more than 160, and injects over 11 million dollars into the local economy each year. Aviation is currently one of the few bright stars in America's economy, and our airport is one of our town's brightest economic stars. Economic times are tough right now, and good jobs are hard to come by, especially high quality jobs like aircraft and powerplant mechanics, flight instructors, commercial pilots and support staff. We respectfully request:

1. That this important source of employment be protected, by maintaining the airport's runways (including 15/33) and taxiways well, and making improvements where appropriate;
2. That our airport business be protected by avoiding incompatible land use around the airport, including the Hidden Lakes development; and
3. That our airport business not be encumbered with new taxes like landing fees, nor unreasonable operating restrictions, which would drive away business.

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