

**RESOLUTION NO. R26-42**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING LEASE TO HANGAR AIRCRAFT WITH LOREN F. LOERZEL FOR HANGAR NO. 1240NE AT COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the lease to hangar aircraft with Loren F. Loerzel has been reviewed and recommended by the Columbus Board of Airport Commissioners for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, that the lease to hangar aircraft with Loren F. Loerzel for Hangar No. 1240NE at Columbus Municipal Airport, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved and the mayor is authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the same on behalf of the City of Columbus.

This resolution shall repeal all resolutions or portions thereof in conflict herewith.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY



Accountability - Dedication  
Honesty - Integrity - Respect

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 3-2-26

**TO:** Tara Vasicek

**FROM:** Ross Niedbalski

**RE:** Hangar lease with Loren F. Loerzel

**RECOMMENDATION:** I recommend approval of the hangar lease with Loren F. Loerzel for hangar 1240NE.

**DISCUSSION:** I recommend approving the hangar lease with Mr. Loerzel for hangar 1240NE on the south end of the airport. I feel he will be a good tenant at the airport.

**ALTERNATIVE:** To not approve the hangar lease.

**SIGNATURE:**

By: Ross Niedbalski

Approved By: *[Signature]*

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# LEASE TO HANGAR AIRCRAFT

THIS AGREEMENT (herein referred to as either "Agreement" or "Lease") made effective as of this 1st day of February, 2026, by and between THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, a municipal corporation of the State of Nebraska, on behalf of Columbus Municipal Airport (hereinafter referred to as "City"), and LOREN F. LOERZEL (hereinafter referred to as "Lessee(s)").

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **LEASE OF HANGAR SPACE:** City hereby leases and grants to Lessee(s) the exclusive privilege of using the space in Hangar No. 1240NE at Columbus Municipal Airport (herein referred to as "Hangar" or "Premises"). This Lease is being granted for the sole purpose of hangaring/storing of Lessee(s) aircraft and/or aeronautical equipment.
  
2. **RENTAL SUM:** Lessee(s) shall pay to City an annual sum of One Thousand One Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,140). This annual sum shall be paid either in full by December 31 of the preceding year; or, in two semi-annual installments of Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$570), due by December 31 of the preceding year and by June 30 of the Lease year. In situations where the initial Lease is entered into after January 1, the first-year annual sum rental amount shall be prorated based on the date of execution of the Lease.
  - (A) **RENTAL SUM DISCOUNT:** Lessee(s) shall be entitled to an annual five percent (5%) discount of the annual sum if Lessee(s) submits to the airport manager at least twelve (12) receipts for aviation fuel purchased at any airport between January 1 and December 31 of the preceding year. Lessee(s) shall be entitled to an annual ten percent (10%) discount of the annual sum if Lessee(s) submits to the airport manager at least twenty-four (24) receipts for aviation fuel purchased at any airport between January 1 and December 31 of the preceding year. This discount will be capped at a maximum of ten percent (10%) annually.
  
  - (B) **RENTAL SUM SUBJECT TO CHANGE:** Lessee(s) hereby specifically acknowledges and agrees that upon any renewal of the Lease as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Agreement, the annual sum and rental amounts set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement may be reviewed, reevaluated, and unilaterally increased by City to a sum set forth by resolution of the Mayor and City Council. Lessee(s) further agrees that it shall pay the revised/increased annual sum and rental amounts as required in this Agreement.
  
3. **LEASE TERM:** The term of this Lease is for a period of one year, from January 1 through December 31. If the Lease is entered into after January 1, then the Lease term shall be from the effective date until December 31 of that year.

4. **RENEWAL OF LEASE:** This Lease may be automatically and continuously renewed in one-year increments upon both the payment of the annual rental sum for the next year and the acceptance of said payment by the City. To renew the Lease the rental sum is to be paid by Lessee(s) to City on or before the due date as set forth in Paragraph 2. If Lessee(s) fails to pay the rental sum when due, City may serve a fifteen (15) day notice to Lessee(s) to pay or vacate the Hangar. Failure to pay the rental amount within said fifteen (15) day notice period shall, without action by City, terminate the Lease.
5. **STORAGE OF AIRCRAFT AND/OR EQUIPMENT ONLY:** Lessee(s) has rented the hangar space for the purpose of storing aircraft and/or aeronautical equipment and is prohibited from conducting any other use or activity on the Premises. Additionally, Lessee(s) shall not use the Premises for any commercial activity whatsoever, including, but not limited to, the offering of flight services to the general public, maintaining and repairing aircraft for the public, and storage of aircraft other than aircraft owned or leased by the Lessee(s).

(A) **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** Lessee(s) shall also refrain from storing any items or materials on the Premises which would violate local or national fire codes and shall not store any gasoline, combustible liquids, or hazardous materials in the above-described hangar. Upon notice to Lessee(s) of the violation of Paragraph 5(A), Lessee(s) shall immediately remove such conditions that violate the local and national fire codes or any gasoline, combustible liquids, or hazardous material on the Premises.

6. **SPECIFIED AIRCRAFT AND REGISTRATION:** This Lease is for hangaring of the following aircraft:

N	<u>N 7026M</u>	N	_____
Make	<u>Cessna</u>	Make	_____
Model	<u>C175</u>	Model	_____
No. of Engines	<u>1</u>	No. of Engines	_____
Year	<u>1958</u>	Year	_____
No. of Seats	<u>4</u>	No. of Seats	_____

Lessee(s) (whether individual(s), partnership, LLC, or corporation) must have and maintain a majority legal ownership or majority leasehold interest in the above-described aircraft during the entire term of this Lease. Appropriate legal evidence of the Lessee(s) ownership or leasehold interest must be presented upon execution of this Lease and within ten (10) days following any change in Lessee(s) ownership or leasehold interest. Lessee(s) shall keep proof of aircraft ownership and appropriate/legal aircraft registration current with City. Evidence of proof of aircraft ownership and registration shall further be made available to City at any time upon demand of City and upon any renewal of this Lease as may be allowed herein.

7. **HANGAR DOORS, HANGAR LEFT UNATTENDED:** Lessee(s) hereby specifically agrees to keep the hangar door(s) closed at all times, other than during the times the Lessee(s) is moving aircraft in and out of the hangar space, to avoid

wind damage to the hangar. Lessee(s) shall not leave the hangar unattended for any period of time over sixty (60) minutes if the hangar door(s) is open. The hangar door(s) shall be locked at all times when Lessee(s) is not on the Premises. Lessee(s) assumes and agrees to pay for any damage caused to the hangar if and when the hangar door(s) is left open in violation of this provision. Failure to abide by this provision, whether or not damage occurs, will result in cancellation of this Lease at City's discretion.

8. **FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIRED:** Lessee(s) shall maintain a fire extinguisher or extinguishers, in good operating condition, containing dry chemical or halon 1211-type extinguishing agents readily available within the hangar space. There shall be one such fire extinguisher for each seventy-five feet (75') of travel within the hangar space.
9. **SPILL PREVENTION AND CLEANUP:** In accordance with requirements of City's Industrial Stormwater Permit issued through the State of Nebraska, Lessee(s) shall keep in the hangar at all times, a spill kit consisting of a securely covered bucket or tub that is clearly labeled as a Spill Kit, absorbent material of either floor dry or absorbent mats, rubber gloves, and trash bags. Lessee(s) shall place drip pans under any leaking aircraft or aviation equipment. Such drip pans must be properly emptied and cleaned on a regular basis with the contents being disposed of in a safe and appropriate manner. In the event of a spill, Lessee(s) shall immediately clean up the spill using contents of the spill kit and dispose of the waste by placing it securely in a trash bag and depositing it in a proper trash receptacle. If a spill is twenty-five (25) gallons or more, Lessee(s) shall contact the airport manager immediately.
10. **NON-INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER AIRPORT USES:** Lessee(s) shall not exercise any privileges granted by this agreement in such a way as to interfere with or adversely affect the use, operation, maintenance, or development of the airport.
11. **CONDITION OF PREMISES:** Lessee(s), at Lessee(s)'s sole cost and expense, agrees to maintain, repair, and keep in good order, condition, and appearance, the Premises, including the hangar structure, and the improvements constructed thereon, in a safe, clean, and sanitary condition. Lessee is expressly prohibited from materially altering the hangar structure, floor, walls, exterior, or adjoining common use areas, or constructing any structure or facility within the hangar, without the expressed written consent of City. Lessee(s) agrees that at the expiration of the term of this Agreement Lessee(s) shall yield possession of Premises to City, without further demand or notice, in as good order and condition as when the Lease was entered into by Lessee(s), excluding reasonable wear and tear. Lessee(s) shall repair any damage to the Premises occasioned by its use or the removal of Lessee(s)'s trade fixtures, furnishings, and equipment. Said repair shall include the patching and filling of holes and repair of structural damage.
12. **CITY NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT:** City shall not be liable for any damage to Lessee(s)'s aircraft, aeronautical equipment, or other property (personal or otherwise) while the same is stored or being moved to or from the hangar space.

13. **INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE REQUIRED:** City shall stand indemnified by Lessee(s) as herein provided. It is expressly understood by and between the parties hereto that Lessee(s) herein is, and shall be deemed to be, responsible to all parties for its respective acts and omissions and City shall in no way be responsible therefore. It is further agreed that in the use of the airport and Premises and the exercise or enjoyment of the privileges herein granted, Lessee(s) agrees to indemnify and hold harmless City, its employees, agents, officers, and volunteers, from any and all losses, damages, costs, expenses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, attorney's fees, and judgements arising directly or indirectly from any negligence or manner related to Lessee(s) possession, occupancy, or use of the Premises.

Lessee(s) shall obtain an insurance policy in an amount of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence to cover general liability which shall name and endorse the "City of Columbus" as additionally insured on the certificate of insurance and endorsement. The minimum amounts of said insurance required may be increased at the sole discretion of City. Proof of insurance shall be submitted to the city clerk's office upon the execution of this Lease and shall remain in full force throughout the term of this Lease. Any certificate of insurance with accompanying endorsement(s) provided must cover the term of the Lease and be updated before the expiration date. The certificate of insurance must list the owners or those having a leasehold interest in the aircraft as insured, as well as all authorized persons/pilots who would have access to the aircraft during the term of the Lease.

14. **CITY ACCESS TO HANGER:** City reserves the right to control access to the Premises in order to regulate the orderly and efficient operation of the airport. City and its designated agents, employees, and volunteers shall at all times have reasonable access to the Premises for the purpose of inspection and to determine compliance with the provisions of this Lease and the Rules and Regulations of Columbus Municipal Airport. Lessee(s) shall lock the door(s) to the hangar space in order to protect Lessee(s)'s property kept in the hangar with locking devices and keys provided and owned by City.
15. **CITY IMPROVEMENTS:** City reserves the right, but it shall not be obligated to Lessee(s), to maintain and keep in repair all publicly owned facilities at Columbus Municipal Airport; and, further, to develop or improve the landing areas and air navigation facilities of Columbus Municipal Airport. Said improvements may be done at City's sole discretion and without interference or hindrance by Lessee(s). City's obligation for repairs or maintenance to the Premises shall extend only to maintain the hangar space in a fit and usable condition suitable for the purpose of hanging aircraft.
16. **OBEYING RULES OF AIRPORT AND THE LAW:** Lessee(s) affirms that it has read and fully understands the Rules and Regulations of Columbus Municipal Airport. Lessee(s) acknowledges City may decide at its sole discretion to change or amend the Rules and Regulations of Columbus Municipal Airport. Lessee(s) and its employees and agents shall obey the rules and regulations adopted and amended by City or its authorized agents in charge of the airport. Lessee(s) and its employees and agents shall observe and obey regulations as may be promulgated by the United

States, or any department or agency thereof, and by the State of Nebraska, as the same may relate to the privileges provided to Lessee(s) under this Agreement.

17. **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Lessee(s) as part of the consideration of this agreement, does hereby covenant and agree that:

(A) No person on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, disability, or national origin shall be subjected to discrimination in the use of the facilities; and

(B) Lessee(s) shall use the hangar space in compliance with all other requirements imposed pursuant to 49 CFR Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Program of the Department of Transportation, and as said regulations may be amended.

18. **TAXATION:** In the event that the subject hangar space shall at any time become subject to taxation by virtue of this Agreement or the use thereof by Lessee(s), Lessee(s) shall pay such taxes as shall be attributable to such use before they become delinquent.

19. **NOTICES:** The parties expressly agree for the purposes of notice, including legal service of process during the term of this Agreement, the following named individuals shall be the authorized representatives of the parties:

- City: City of Columbus  
Columbus Municipal Airport  
Attn: Airport Manager  
PO Box 1677  
Columbus, NE 68602-1677

- Lessee(s): Loren F. Loerzel  
1192 S 13th Avenue  
Blair, NE 68008

or such other representative at such address as either party may designate by written notice to the other party in accordance with Paragraph 18. All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given the date of service if served personally on the party to whom notice is given; or, on the fourth (4th) day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given, by first class mail, registered mail, or certified mail, with postage prepaid and properly addressed as shown above.

20. **DEFAULT:** City and Lessee(s) agree that every condition, covenant, and provision of this Lease is material and reasonable. Any breach by Lessee(s) of a condition, covenant, or provision of this Lease will constitute a material breach and a default of Lessee(s)'s obligations under this Lease, including, but not limited to:

(A) Failure of Lessee(s) to abide by any provision(s) of this Lease.

(B) Abandonment of the property by Lessee(s).

- (C) Failure of Lessee(s) to make the rental payment as required under this Lease.
- (D) Failure of Lessee(s) to keep current or provide proof of aircraft ownership and registration.
- (E) Lessee(s), for any reason, fails to maintain insurance coverage which is required pursuant to this Agreement.
- (F) Lessee(s) files a voluntary petition under the Bankruptcy Act of the United States, or is judged bankrupt under such act, or is the subject of a petition filed in federal or state court for the appointment of a trustee or receiver in bankruptcy or insolvency, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- (G) Violation of any of the Rules and Regulations of Columbus Municipal Airport by Lessee(s).
- (H) Discovery by City that any material information provided by Lessee(s) related to this Lease is/was materially false.
- (I) Unapproved or unauthorized transfer of any interest acquired under this Agreement by Lessee(s).
- (J) Use of Premises for unlawful purposes by Lessee(s).
- (K) Maintaining, committing, or permitting the maintenance or commission of a nuisance on the Premises by Lessee(s).
- (L) Occurrence of any other event described as constituting an "Event of Default" listed elsewhere in this Lease.

Upon a material breach and default, Lessee(s) shall be provided with written notice and demand to cure said material default(s). Said notice shall give the Lessee(s) fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice to cure the material default(s).

21. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT:** This Agreement may be terminated either for cause by City or by the election of either party as follows:

(A) **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** In the event the Lessee(s) is in material default of this Lease as set forth in Paragraph 19, and such default is not cured within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice of default from City, then City at its sole discretion, may terminate this Lease effective immediately by written notice to Lessee(s). If Lessee(s) violates paragraph 5(A) regarding hazardous materials, and Lessee(s) does not immediately remove or cure such violations, then Lessee(s) is in immediate material breach and default of the Lease and the Lease is subject to immediate termination at City's sole discretion.

(B) **TERMINATION AT ELECTION OF THE PARTIES:** Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing to the other party at least thirty (30) days written notice of intent to terminate. This time frame may be waived by City at its sole discretion.

In the event of the termination as provided herein during a year in which the Lessee(s) has prepaid, the Lessee(s) shall receive a refund of a prorated portion of the advanced payment made under Paragraph 2.

Upon the Date of Termination, Lessee(s) shall vacate the Premises and immediately remove all property (including aircraft, aeronautical equipment, and all other property) from the Premises. If Lessee fails to vacate the Premises or fails to remove any and all property from the Premises, City may seek to reenter and recover possession of the Premises by any lawful means. City may also, at its election, dispose of any remaining property in the appropriate manner provided for by law, and charge all costs associated with such disposal to Lessee(s). City will deem any property remaining on the Premises as having been abandoned by Lessee(s).

22. **ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE:** Lessee(s) shall not have the right to sub-let, assign, transfer, or in any manner re-lease any part of the described Premises. Any attempts to do so without City's expressed written approval shall be null and void.
23. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Lease shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the City of Columbus, the State of Nebraska, and federal law. Lessee(s) shall comply with all said laws. By signing this Lease, City and Lessee(s) hereby submit to personal and subject matter jurisdiction of the State of Nebraska in Platte County of any dispute between City and Lessee(s). To the extent possible, the parties waive their rights to a jury trial.
24. **BINDING EFFECT:** This Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon any heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto.
25. **NON-WAIVER:** No waiver by City of any default or breach of this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any other default or of the same default on a future occasion.
26. **SURVIVABILITY:** Invalidation of any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision(s) of the Agreement and all which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
27. **CAPTION HEADINGS:** Caption Headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret or define the provisions of the Agreement.
28. **AUTHORIZATION:** Lessee(s)'s execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary action by the Lessee(s) and does not conflict with, result in a violation of, or constitute a default under any provision of any agreement or other instrument binding upon the Lessee(s), with any law, regulation, or court order that is applicable to the Lessee(s) in any way.
29. **FULL INTEGRATION:** This is a fully integrated Agreement and supersedes any and all prior agreements, whether oral or written, between the parties; and, this Agreement embodies a full and complete understanding of the parties.

Recommended by:

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Airport Manager                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair                                      Date

Executed by:

Attest:

CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

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Mayor                                      Date

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City Clerk

LESSEE(S)

*Loren Loerzel*      *2-2-26*  
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Signature                                      Date

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Signature                                      Date

*Loren Loerzel*  
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