

**Fairview Community Council
Resolution No. 2010-08**

**A Resolution seeking funding for the acquisition, installation and operation of a
neighborhood based noise monitoring program.**

Whereas the Fairview Community Council experiences significant impacts from operational activity associated with the Municipally-owned Merrill Field Airport, and

Whereas, one impact is an unsettling historical record of general aviation crashing into neighborhood structures, sometimes with loss of life and significant property damage, and

Whereas, aircraft owners are not required to possess aircraft liability, or other insurance that would adequately compensate neighborhood residents or businesses in the event of a major crash, and

Whereas, such a situation results in a property risk premium absorbed by private property owners and a general reduction in property values, and

Whereas, another impact is the frequent uncontrolled violation of departure patterns by general aviation aircraft often resulting in low-flying, and heavily laden, aircraft cross-cutting over neighborhood residences, and

Whereas, such low flying aircraft generate significant noise loud enough to be heard over the interior sounds of a typical residential home environment, and

Whereas, documented research establishes a quantitative correlation between excessive noise exposure from aviation use and reduced property values for both owner-occupied and rental residential housing, and

Whereas, such operations by general aviation craft using Merrill Field results in budgetary impacts by reducing property tax revenues and represents an unaccounted cost to Municipal taxpayers,

Therefore, Be It Resolved the Fairview Community Council requests sufficient funding be authorized and appropriated from the Merrill Field Enterprise Fund to the Municipal Department of Health and Social Services for the acquisition, installation and operation of a neighborhood based noise monitoring program for the purpose of quantifying the degree and frequency of risk exposure and noise impacts due to errant aircraft using Merrill Field facilities.

Passed this 11th day of November, 2010, by a vote of 10-0, as attested to by the following:



Sharon Chamard, President