



# Okaloosa County Airports

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State of Florida

March 14, 2017

Hangar Owners and Guests  
Destin Executive Airport (DTS)

Okaloosa County Airports  
1701 State Road 85 North  
Eglin, AFB Florida 32542

RE: Restricted Hangar Access and Business Operations

Hangar Lease Holders,

Over the past several months Okaloosa Airports Administration has received several complaints that vehicles and other items parked outside hangars are repeatedly obstructing aircraft movement on the airfield at Destin Executive Airport. The County Ordinance is clear about motor vehicles and aircraft operations in Sections 3-87 and 3-88. Attachment 1 is provided below that shows several examples from just this past month of items restricting or potentially obstructing aircraft movement on some of the tight taxilanes between hangars. To alleviate these issues please be considerate of your neighbors and park vehicles parallel with hangar doors if necessary to park on an access apron and keep other items as far away from the taxiway, preferably inside your hangar when not actively using the item(s).

### *Examples of Vehicles and Items Restricting Aircraft Movement*



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We have also discovered several business operations that require an agreement with the Airports Department to ensure safety and regulatory reporting requirements are met such as environmental impacts. According to Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Section 3-86. (a) related to activities, conduct, and miscellaneous provisions at our general aviation airports of Bob Sikes in Crestview and Destin Executive on Coleman Kelly Field:

*Commercial operations within airports generally.* The board has the right to, and does hereby regulate, all activities and enterprises using the airport as a basis of operation, whether such operation or activity is aeronautical or nonaeronautical in nature. No commercial operation of any kind or type shall be permitted on an airport without a fully executed lease agreement with the board, containing provisions for strict compliance with these and other relevant standards and regulations and containing such other special provisions as may be required under such lease, or other special circumstances which may be applicable to such operation.

More details from the County Ordinance can be accessed on-line at the following link:

[https://www.municode.com/library/fl/okaloosa\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://www.municode.com/library/fl/okaloosa_county/codes/code_of_ordinances)

Please accept this letter as notice of official correspondence that future incidents are subject to having vehicles towed or other items removed at the owner's expense. Also, if it is determined that a business is being operated from county property, the county will provide further direction on how to request a lease and make a determination if the business is compatible with safe airport operations. If you need to contact me for any reason, I can be reached at any of the following numbers or by e-mail: Office (850) 651-7160 x1055, Cell (850) 612-6862, or [rogers@co.okaloosa.fl.us](mailto:rogers@co.okaloosa.fl.us).

Sincerely,



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