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August 9, 2023

The Honorable Tom Maddox, Mayor  
City of Elba  
200 Buford Street  
Elba, Alabama 36323

**Subject: Annual Inspection Report  
Carl Folsom Airport**

Dear Mayor Maddox:

An inspection of the Carl Folsom Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on July 6, 2023. The purpose of the inspection was to update the information currently on file regarding the airport and to ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation governing licensed public-use airports within the State of Alabama.

Attached you will find a copy of the Annual Inspection Report. As noted in the report, the airport ***does not meet*** the requirements for the issuance of an operating license. Once the violations have been addressed, please contact this office to schedule a re-inspection.

If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bennett Head with the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 242-6831.

Sincerely,

Frank Farmer  
Chief, Aeronautics Bureau

Copy: Mr. Rans Black, FAA/ADO  
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Ms. Jennifer Harp, Garver  
Mr. Jack Windham, Airport Manager

Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau—Annual Airport Inspection Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Alabama 23-1-357, an inspection of the **Carl Folsom Airport** was conducted by **Mr. Bennett Head and Mr. Mark Bowron** with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on **July 6, 2023**.

The inspection was conducted on the airport under the provisions of the Administrative Code Chapter 450-9-1 for the following areas:

Aeronautics Administrative Code	Inspection Results	Corrective Action	Notes
<b>Approach &amp; Departure Paths</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Primary Surface</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2)	<i>VIOLATION</i>	Remove brush and trees that are located within the primary surface.	Brush/trees are located within 125 feet of the runway centerline.
<b>Runway Safety Area</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (3)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Airport Markings</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (4)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Wind Direction Indicator</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Airport Lighting</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Fueling Area Requirements</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Ensure Fire Extinguishers are operational.	Inspection tags on fire extinguisher is labeled with “2022” tags.
<b>Prohibited Activities</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Additional Items	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A

License Status—**SUSPENDED**

The corrective actions that may be prescribed in this inspection report do not relieve the airport sponsor from compliance with any other Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may be applicable. It is the responsibility of the airport sponsor to be aware of and obey all Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may have a bearing on the corrective actions that may be specified in this report.

**Code of Alabama 23-1-357(a)**... a person or municipality may not operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other navigation facility without a license issued by this Department.

**July 6, 2023**



**CARL FOLSOM AIRPORT  
ELBA, ALABAMA**

# Carl Folsom Airport

## Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 1

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



There are no penetrations to the ALDOT Approach/Departure Path.

# Carl Folsom Airport

## Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 19

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



There were no penetrations found to the ALDOT Approach/Departure Path on Runway 19 due to obstructions mitigated by Relocated Threshold. Please refer to Appendix #2 for more information.

July 6, 2023

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Primary Surface

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(2)



**VIOLATION:** Primary Surface **does not** meet state licensing standards. Remove brush or trees that are within a distance of 125 feet of the runway centerline.

# Carl Folsom Airport

## Runway Safety Area

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(3)



Runway Safety Area **meets** State Licensing Standards.

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Airport Markings—Runway

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Runway markings are in **GOOD** condition.



## Carl Folsom Airport

### Airport Markings—Taxiway

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Taxiway markings are generally in **GOOD** condition.

Taxiway markings are in **EXCELLENT** condition on new taxiway pavement.

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Airport Markings—Apron

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Apron markings are in **GOOD** condition.

## Bibb County Airport

### Wind Direction Indicator

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(5)



Wind direction indicator is in **GOOD** condition.

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Airport Lighting

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(6)

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:

<b>Runway Lights</b>	0 inoperable
<b>Taxiway Lights</b>	0 inoperable
<b>Threshold Lights</b>	0 inoperable
<b>PAPI</b>	0 inoperable
<b>REIL</b>	0 inoperable

**MEETS** State Licensing Standards for night-time operation.

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Runway surface is in **GOOD** condition.

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



The new Taxiway surface pictured on top is **EXCELLENT** condition. The Taxiway surface pictured below is in **FAIR** condition.

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—APRON

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



The Apron is in **FAIR** condition due to cracking occurring on the pavement surface. Additionally, several crack seals have failed and are continuing to expand.

## Carl Folsom Airport

### Fueling Area Requirements

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(8)



The fueling area requirements meet State Licensing Standards.

**Maintenance:** All fire extinguishers were last inspected in 2022 according to the tags. Ensure fire extinguishers are up to date so they work correctly in case of an emergency.

Additionally, it is now recommended to use BC extinguishers.



# Carl Folsom Airport

## Prohibited Activities

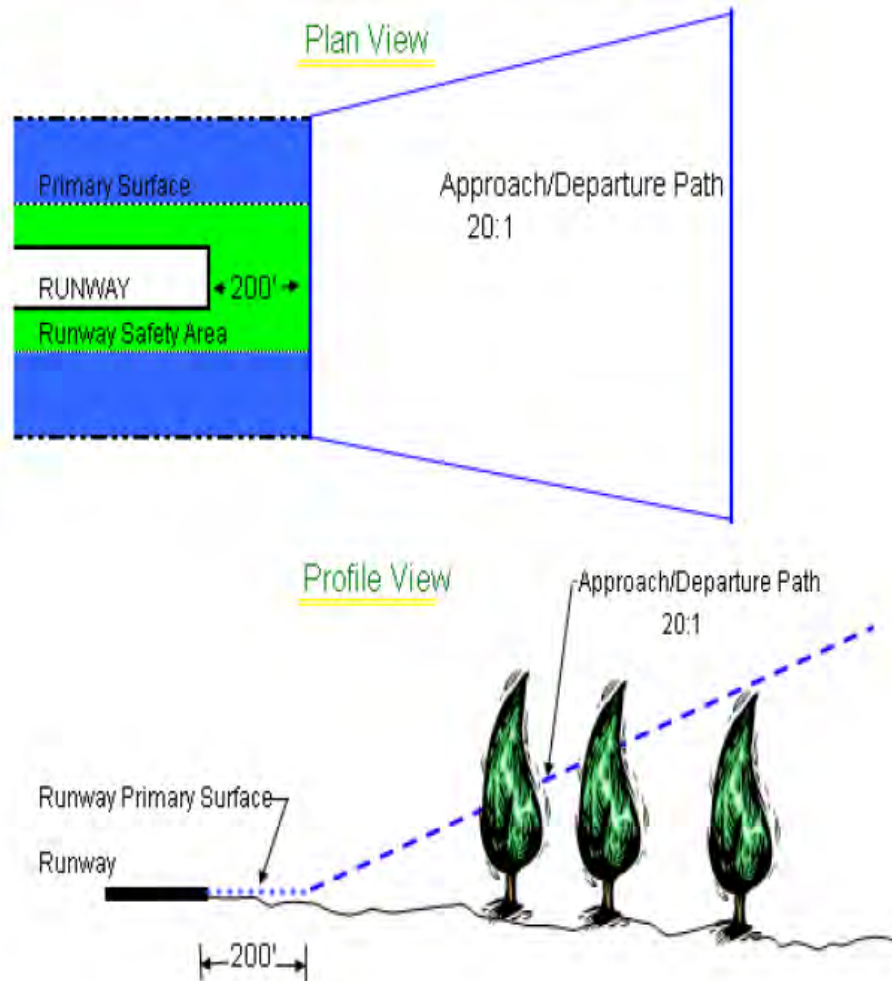
Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



There were no prohibited activities observed during the inspection of the Airport.

# APPENDIX 1

Approach and Departure Path Dimensions			
Inner Width	Outer Width	Length	Acreage
250 Feet	450 Feet	1,000 Feet	8.04 Acres
Primary Surface Dimensions			
250 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			
Runway Safety Area Dimensions			
120 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			



APPENDIX #2

CARL FOLSOM AIRPORT  
ELBA, ALABAMA  
7/6/2023  
Runway 19 Obstruction Evaluation

2. Pole 52' Abv. Rwy  
1,248' From Relocated THR  
12' Left of CL  
20:1 Obst Clrnc from Relocated THR

FAA PART 77 20:1 SURFACE

ALDOT APP/DEP PATH

2. ●

● Controlling Obstruction

