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REGIONAL AIRPORT -  
SMARTT FIELD

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration

**FROM:** Dennis Wiss, Airport Manager

**RE:** Airport Fuel Flowage Fee (FFF) Ordinance Revision; and  
Consolidation of Airport Fee Ordinances

**DATE:** July 28, 2022

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On December 30, 1996, the County Council adopted Ordinance 96-162 establishing the imposition of a user fee, also known as a fuel flowage fee (FFF), on fuel pumped or sold from fuel facilities at the St. Charles County Regional Airport in the amount of \$.05 per gallon to support the costs of maintaining and improving underground fuel storage tanks. This FFF has not been changed since its inception.

The recently completed audit/examination of the Airport's operations conducted by Brent Statler, County Auditor, recommended, "The County should consider increasing the fuel facility user fee" as an opportunity for increased Airport revenue to offset increased costs. As a result of this recommendation, a survey was conducted of Missouri airports to determine the FFF other airports have implemented. A compilation of the results from the airports that did respond is on the following page.

Based on the average FFF of the responding airports, I would recommend that the FFF charged by St. Charles County at the St. Charles County Regional Airport – Smartt Field be raised to \$.08 effective with the passage of a new ordinance. These funds are used for annual fuel tank inspections, insurance, maintenance and repairs, and for the County's local grant funding match when the tanks need to be replaced. Currently, the fee generates \$3,800 annually, which may have been adequate to cover the county's costs in 1995 but is no longer sufficient.

A second ordinance, 14-060, was adopted in June of 2014 implementing a schedule of rates and charges for aircraft parking at Smartt Field. I would recommend that the new ordinance adopting an increased FFF also incorporate the contents of Ordinance 14-060 to form one new ordinance under the heading of, "An Ordinance Implementing the Establishment of Rates and Charges for Fees to be Collected at the St. Charles County Regional Airport – Smartt Field". Consolidating the two ordinances into one schedule of Rates and Charges will make it easier to keep track of and locate fees charged at the airport.

Counselor Hoeynck has confirmed that the two ordinances can be combined into one.

## FUEL FLOWAGE FEE (FFF) RATES SURVEY

Airport	Rate Per Gallon
Columbia, MO	\$0.047
Cahokia Parks (STL Downtown, IL)	\$0.10
Cape Girardeau, MO	\$0.10
Jefferson City, MO	2% of gross (Based on per-gallon cost of fuel)
Kansas City Downtown, MO	\$0.08
Kansas City International, MO	\$0.08
Lee's Summit, MO	\$.45 - \$.50 (Proposed FFF, possible future implementation)
St. Charles County	\$0.05 (Per Sect. 620.010, Ord. 96-162, 12/30/96)
Average of flat rate FFFs (Columbia, Cahokia, Cape, Kansas City, St. Charles)	\$0.08