33.400 Aircraft Landing Zone

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33.400.010 Purpose
The Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone provides safer operating conditions for aircraft in the vicinity of Portland International Airport by limiting the height of structures, vegetation, and construction equipment.

33.400.020 Map Symbol
The Aircraft Landing zone is shown on the Official Zoning Maps with a letter "h" map symbol (for height).

33.400.025 Relationship to Federal Regulations
The Aircraft Landing overlay zone supplements, but is subordinate to, federal airspace regulations administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Development and structures that meet the requirements of the Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone may still be subject to review by the FAA.

33.400.030 Height Limits
All structures, vegetation, and construction equipment within the Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone are subject to the height limits of this section. Map 400-1 shows the boundaries of the overlay zone. The Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone Map, available in the Development Services Center shows the height limits.

A. E, I, CI2, and OS zones. In the employment, industrial, CI2, and open space zones, the height limits are shown on the Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone Map. When the base zone height is more restrictive than the Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone height, the base zone height applies. The Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone Map is available at the Development Services Center.

B. R, C, IR, and CI1 zones. In the residential and commercial/mixed use, IR, and CI1 zones, structures are regulated by the base zone height limits rather than the height limits of this chapter.

C. All zones. In all zones, structures taller than the limits of Subsection A or B are subject to Section 33.400.040.
33.400.040 Exceptions to Height Limits
An application for a building permit or land use review for a structure that will exceed the height limits of Section 33.400.030 must be accompanied by an approval letter from the Federal Aviation Administration. The letter, called "determination of no hazard to air navigation," states that the proposal will not create safety problems. The application for FAA approval is available on the Federal Aviation Administration website or from the Aviation Department of the Port of Portland.

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Aircraft Landing Overlay Zone Boundary

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City Boundary

Aircraft Landing Zone

Scale in Feet

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