



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 297
[2013 Senate Bill 516]

Aerial Approach Ordinances

Wisconsin law permits any county, city, village, or town (local unit of government) to own and operate an airport or airport facility. A local unit of government that owns an airport may generally protect the aerial approaches to the airport by adopting an ordinance regulating the placement of structures in the airport's vicinity. Under **prior law**, generally, one of the following persons or entities was required to formulate a tentative aerial approach ordinance and hold a public hearing on that ordinance before it could be adopted:

- The county park commission or county park manager.
- The city or village plan commission.
- The town board.

Under **2013 Wisconsin Act 297**, an aerial approach ordinance must be initiated by a committee of the governing body of the local unit of government that owns the airport. Similar to prior law, a committee of the local unit of government's governing body is required to formulate a tentative aerial approach ordinance and hold a public hearing on that ordinance before it may be adopted.

Effective date and initial applicability: The Act took effect on April 18, 2014 and first applies to ordinances initiated, and ordinance amendments initiated, on that day.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.