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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2020-0889; Airspace Docket No. 20-ASO-25]

RIN 2120-AA66

### Amendment of Class D Airspace, and Class E Airspace; Smyrna, TN

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class D airspace and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Smyrna Airport, Smyrna, TN. An evaluation of airspace in the area determined that this airport required an adjustment of Class D and E airspaces. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, August 12, 2021. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591; Telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA

Order 7400.11E at NARA, email [fedreg.legal@nara.gov](mailto:fedreg.legal@nara.gov) or go to

<https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends Class D airspace and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Smyrna Airport, Smyrna, TN, to support IFR operations in the area.

**History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the *Federal Register* (85 FR 73436, November 18, 2020) for Docket No. FAA-2020-0889 to amend Class D airspace for Smyrna, TN, as the FAA has determined that extensions of 1.2 miles each side of the 142° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5 miles southeast of the airport, and within 1.2 miles each side of the 184° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5 miles south of the airport are necessary for the safety of IFR aircraft landing

at Smyrna Airport. Also, the Class D ceiling is reduced from 3,000 feet to 2,500 feet as per the request of the air traffic facilities involved. In addition, the FAA proposed to update Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface by increasing the airport radius from 9 miles to 11.5 miles. The FAA also proposed the reference to Nashville Class C in the Class D description be removed as it is not necessary (7400.11, 1003.b).

Finally, subsequent to publication of the proposal the FAA found the southern Class D extension was incorrectly identified as the 181° bearing. This action corrects the extension to read 184° bearing.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 5000, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020. FAA Order 7400.11E is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11E lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic routes, and reporting points.

### **The Rule**

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 amends Class D airspace for Smyrna, TN, as the FAA has determined that extensions of 1.2 miles each side

of the 142° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5 miles southeast of the airport, and within 1.2 miles each side of the 184° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5 miles south of the airport are necessary for the safety of IFR aircraft landing at Smyrna Airport. Also, the Class D ceiling is reduced from 3,000 feet to 2,500 feet as per the request of the air traffic facilities involved. In addition, the FAA updates Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface by increasing the airport radius from 9 miles to 11.5 miles. Also, the reference to Nashville Class C, in the Class D description, is removed as it is not necessary (7400.11, 1003.b). FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

### **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air)

### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

### **PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389

#### **§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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#### **ASO TN D Smyrna, TN [Amended]**

Smyrna Airport, TN  
(lat. 36°00'32"N, long. 86°31'12"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to but not including 2,500 feet MSL within a 3.9-mile radius of the Smyrna Airport, and within 1.2 miles each side of the 142° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5-miles southeast of the airport, and within 1.2-miles each side of the 184° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5-miles south of

the airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

**ASO TN E5 Nashville, TN [Amended]**

Nashville International Airport, TN

(lat. 36°07'28"N., long. 86°40'41"W.)

Smyrna Airport

(lat. 36°00'32"N., long. 86°31'12"W.)

Music City Executive Airport

(lat. 36°22'30"N., long. 86°24'30"W.)

Lebanon Municipal Airport

(lat. 36°11'25"N., long. 86°18'56"W.)

Murfreesboro Municipal Airport

(lat. 35°52'43"N., long. 86°22'39"W.)

John C. Tune Airport

(lat. 36°10'59"N., long. 86°53'11"W.)

Vanderbilt University Medical Center Hospital

Point In Space Coordinates

(lat. 36°08'30"N., long. 86°48'6"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 15 mile radius of Nashville International Airport, and within a 11.5-mile radius of Smyrna Airport, and within a 7-mile radius of Music City Executive Airport, and within a 10-mile radius of Lebanon Municipal Airport, and within a 9-mile radius of Murfreesboro Municipal Airport, and within an 8.6-mile radius of John C. Tune Airport, and that airspace within a 6-mile radius of the Point In Space serving Vanderbilt University Medical Center Hospital.

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