



CITY OF TORRANCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

September 7, 2022

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

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The Torrance Airport is surrounded by residential neighborhoods and as such is a noise sensitive area. There are a number of noise abatement procedures in place at Torrance Airport designed to allow the airport to conduct its operations while addressing the noise concerns of the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods, including a right turn at Hawthorne Blvd. for VFR departures off runway 29R and straight out departures from either runway, with no left turn until either reaching the ocean or attaining an altitude of 1500 feet AGL. We have recently noticed an increase in the number of flights that are turning left prior to reaching the ocean or failing to attain an altitude of 1500 feet AGL. We are requesting that you abide by Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.2.3.e that states that a left turn should not be made when departing to the West until either reaching the ocean or attaining an altitude of 1500 feet AGL.

On September 7, 2022 at 11:45:00 hours, your aircraft, [REDACTED] was recorded making an early left turn prior to reaching the ocean. Your aircraft was also noted as being below the recommended 1500 feet AGL. While the F.A.A. Control Tower may have authorized the request for the above noted procedure, we are requesting that you abide by the Torrance Municipal Code.

This letter is to notify you of the recommended noise abatement procedures and to request that you continue straight to the ocean or attain an altitude of 1500 feet AGL prior to turning left when departing Torrance Airport, unless specifically directed to do otherwise by the F.A.A. Control Tower.

Torrance Municipal Code Section 46.8.12 states that for pilot responsibility, the owner is presumed to be the pilot. Such presumption may be rebutted only if the owner identifies to Noise Abatement staff the person who was, in fact, the pilot. Therefore, if you owned or leased the aircraft but were not the pilot in command at the date and time of the event shown above, immediately upon receipt of this notice, forward to this office, the name and address of the pilot in command of the aircraft at the time of the above event, so that individual may be informed of the Noise Abatement Procedures.

Please contact the Noise Abatement Center at (310) 784-7950 in order to discuss any of the information above.

Sincerely,

Jana Dartois
Environmental Quality Officer