DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0662; Airspace Docket No. 19-AWA-2]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class C Airspace; Lansing, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies the Lansing, MI, Class C airspace area by amending the effective hours to coincide with the associated radar approach control facility hours of operation. The designated boundaries and altitudes of the Lansing, MI, Class C airspace area are not changed. Class C airspace areas are predicated on an operational air traffic control tower serviced by a radar approach control facility. Additionally, this action establishes Class D airspace at Capital Region International Airport, MI, when the associated radar approach control facility is not in operation.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, March 26, 2020. 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 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

For further information, you can contact the Rules and Regulations 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 7400.11D at NARA, email: 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 the 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 the effective hours of the Lansing, MI, Class C airspace to coincide with the associated radar approach control facility hours of operation and establishes Class D airspace at Capital Region International Airport, MI, when the associated radar approach control facility is not in operation.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA-2019-0662 in the FEDERAL REGISTER (84 FR 50346; September 25, 2019), amending the effective hours of
the Lansing, MI, Class C airspace to coincide with the associated radar approach control facility hours of operation and establish Class D airspace at Capital Region International Airport, MI, when the associated radar approach control facility is not in operation. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

Class C airspace areas are published in paragraph 4000 and Class D airspace areas are published in paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.11D, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class C airspace area modification and Class D airspace establishment proposed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019. FAA Order 7400.11D is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11D lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

**The Rule**

This rule amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by modifying the Lansing, MI, Class C airspace effective hours to coincide with the associated radar approach control facility’s hours of operation. The designated boundaries and altitudes of the Class C airspace area are not changed. Additionally, this rule establishes the Lansing, MI, Class D airspace area at the Capital Region International Airport to provide controlled airspace for airport
operations and instrument approach and departure procedures when the associated radar approach control facility is not in operation.

**Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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 Department of Transportation (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 the actions of modifying the Lansing, MI, Class C airspace area by amending the effective hours to coincide with the associated radar approach control facility hours of operation, and establishing Class D airspace at Capital Region International Airport, MI when the associated radar approach control facility is not in operation, have no potential to cause significant environmental impacts. Therefore, because these airspace actions do not change the boundaries, altitudes, or operating requirements of the Lansing, MI, Class C airspace area, they have been categorically excluded from further environmental impact review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 - 1508, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 5-6.5a, which categorically excludes
from further environmental impact review, rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points). In accordance with FAAO 1050.1F, paragraph 5-2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, this action has been reviewed for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis, and it is determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

**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 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

**Paragraph 4000--Subpart C - Class C Airspace**

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AGL MI C Lansing, MI [Amended]
Capital Region International Airport, MI
(lat. 42°46'43"N., long. 84°35'10"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 4,900 feet MSL within a 5-mile radius of Capital Region International Airport; and that airspace extending upward from 2,100 feet MSL to and including 4,900 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of Capital Region International Airport. This Class C airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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Paragraph 5000--Subpart D - Class D Airspace

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AGL MI D Lansing, MI [New]
Capital Region International Airport, MI
(lat. 42°46'43"N., long. 84°35'10"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,400 feet MSL within a 5-mile radius of Capital Region International Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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