

in the interest of the public health, public safety, or general welfare that political subdivisions of the State be authorized to adopt zoning regulations, as hereinafter provided in this sub-title, or to acquire interests in property, by purchase, grant, lease or condemnation, as hereinafter in this sub-title provided, in order to eliminate airport hazards.

(c) (Adoption of Airport Zoning Regulations.)

(1) For the purposes and reasons mentioned in Sub-section 16(b) of this sub-title, every political subdivision may adopt, revise, administer and enforce, under the police power, and in the manner and upon the conditions hereinafter prescribed, airport zoning regulations for any airport within its corporate limits, or outside its corporate limits to the extent, in the manner and under the conditions provided in subparagraph (4) of this Section 16(c), which regulations shall divide the area surrounding the airport into districts of such number, shape and area as may be deemed best suited to carry out the purposes of this sub-title; and within such districts it may regulate and restrict the height of structures or trees and the purposes for which land may be used. All such regulations shall be uniform throughout each district, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts. In establishing districts or in adopting or revising any such airport zoning regulations, the political subdivision shall reasonably consider, among other things, the character of the flying operations conducted or expected to be conducted at the airport, the nature of the terrain, the height of existing structures and trees above the level of the airport, the possibility of lowering or removing existing structures or trees, and the views of the agency of the Federal government charged with the fostering of civil aeronautics as to the aerial approaches necessary to safe flying operation at the airport.

(2) In the event that a political subdivision has adopted, or hereafter adopts, a general zoning ordinance regulating, among other things, the height of buildings, any airport zoning regulations adopted for the same area or portion thereof under this sub-title may be incorporated in and made a part of such general zoning regulations, and be administered and enforced in connection therewith, but such general zoning regulations shall not limit the effectiveness or scope of the regulations adopted under this sub-title.

(3) Any two or more political subdivisions may agree, by appropriate action of the governing bodies of such political subdivisions, to create a joint board and delegate to said board the powers herein conferred to adopt, revise, administer and enforce airport zoning regulations to protect the aerial