

FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE APPROVAL WAS GRANTED; OR

(4) THE INTENDED OPERATOR OF THE PROPOSED AIRPORT HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE ON ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE CONTROL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 1A, §6-604(a).

Although present §6-604(a) appears to require persons to obtain site approval, this section has been revised and clarified to permit, but not mandate, the procedure. This conforms with the current practice of the Administration and the apparent intent of and philosophy behind the section: i.e., to aid intended airport operators by providing a mechanism by which sites for proposed airports can be prereviewed and approved or rejected in advance of substantial capital expenditures. That the mechanism is permissive does not adversely affect the public interest since, in any event, an airport may not be licensed and operated unless it first meets prerequisites substantively similar to those set forth in this section; compare, e.g., the criteria listed in subsection (c) of this section with those of §5-304(c) of this subtitle relating to licensing.

When the source law to this section was first enacted by Ch. 422, Acts of 1949, there were no provisions for the registration of private use airports - or, as presently referred to, private use "landing areas". Consequently, this section literally applied only to sites for commercial use and public use airports and, in present §6-604, referred only to an approval that remains in effect until a "license" for an airport has been issued. However, Ch. 363, Acts of 1974, amended present Art. 1A to provide in what is now §5-306 of this subtitle for the registration of private use airports. In light of the philosophy above noted, the Commission has revised the subtitle so that this section would apply also to these other airports; thus, for example, subsection (d) of this section expressly refers to the "registration" for an airport.

In subsection (c) (2) of this section, the present phrase "if constructed or established" is deleted as unnecessary.

Subsection (e) (4) of this section is new language added to reflect the prerequisite set forth in subsection (c) (4) of this section,