How do I know if I need a Tall Structures Permit?

Determining if you need a Tall Structures Permit requires a basic understanding of Lee County’s airspace notification criteria and zoning ordinances. An Airport Obstruction Notification Zone is established around Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Page Field (FMY) and consists of an imaginary surface extending outward and upward from any point of any RSW and FMY runway at a slope ratio of 125 to 1 (one foot vertically for every 125 feet horizontally). If any structure (permanent & temporary) is expected to penetrate this notification surface, a Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) Tall Structures Permit will be required. In addition, any object or structure within one-half-mile of the RSW Airport Surveillance Radar will require a LCPA Tall Structures Permit. Please see example below to determine whether your project will require a Tall Structures Permit from the LCPA.

**NOTE: ALL OBJECTS THAT EXCEED 125 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL WILL REQUIRE A TALL STRUCTURES PERMIT.**

See example below:

IF:

\[
\frac{\text{Linear Distance}}{\text{Slope Ratio}} < (\text{Site Elevation} – \text{Runway Elevation}) + \text{Object Elevation AGL}
\]

THEN:

A permit IS required

EXAMPLE:

A proposed building is planned to be constructed 3,500 (linear distance) feet southwest of RSW’s Runway 06 and its tallest point will exist 45 feet above ground level (AGL). The runway elevation is 27 feet above mean sea level (AMSL) and the site elevation of the building is 16 feet AMSL.

IF:

\[
\frac{3500'}{125'} < (16' – 27') + 45'
\]

\[
28' < -11' + 45'
\]

\[
28' < 34'
\]

THEN:

A permit IS required since the object will penetrate the 125:1 notification surface by 6 feet.

To get a better idea of whether or not your project may be required to file a Form 7460-1 with the FAA, use the example above; however; replace the slope ratio of “125” with “100”. NOTE: ALL OBJECTS THAT EXCEED 200 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL WILL REQUIRE SUBMITTAL OF FORM 7460-1 WITH THE FAA.
Imaginary Notification Surfaces for Lee County and the Federal Aviation Administration

- **FAA Aeronautical Study & LCPA Tier 2 Permit Required**
- **LCPA Tier 1 Permit Required**
- **No Permit Required**

- FAA's 100:1 Slope
- LCPA's 125:1 Slope

**Runway Pavement Edge**

**Distance from runway (feet)**

**Height Above Ground Level (feet)**
## Tall Structure Permit Breakdown

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<td>&gt;200’ AGL</td>
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<td>LCPA Review: The LCPA will have 30 calendar days to issue a written response to a complete TSP Application + FAA Review: The FAA may take up to 120 days to issue an Aeronautical Study + LCPA 2nd Review: The LCPA will have an additional 35 calendar days to review in conjunction with the FAA Aeronautical Study, forward the application to FDOT for concurrent review and issue a Tier 2 TSP</td>
<td>Tier 2 TSP: A Lee County Port Authority Tier 2 TSP will be valid for 12 months, unless otherwise noted on the permit + <strong>FAA Aeronautical Study:</strong> A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aeronautical Study will be valid for 18 months</td>
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*PLEASE NOTE: The review period for a Tall Structures Permit does not begin until the LCPA receives and accepts a COMPLETE Tall Structures Permit application. The LCPA may request the applicant to make revisions to the information provided before accepting an application*
This map was developed by the Lee County Port Authority pursuant to Lee County Land Development Code, Section 34-1008, to assist the Department of Community Development in determining whether a proposed or existing object or piece of equipment to be used during the construction of an object would require an airspace review by Lee County Port Authority through submittal of a Tall Structures Review Application.

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Legend
- State Licensed Aircraft Landing Facilities
- Future Landing Facilities
- Airport Notification Heights
- Airport Notification Boundary

Instructions for Use
Step 1 Determine location of proposed object on the map surface.
Step 2 If the proposed project is located within the Page Field or Southwest Florida International Airport Notification Boundary go to Step 9a; otherwise continue to Step 3.
Step 3 Determine the proposed object’s max. height Above Mean Sea Level (AMSL = height of object + ground elevation) then go to Step 4.
Step 4 Determine if proposed object will use a crane or similar equipment during construction.
Step 5 If the proposed object will use a crane, go to Step 6, if it will not use a crane, go to Step 7.
Step 6 Determine the crane’s operating height AMSL.
Step 7 Determine if proposed object or crane heights AMSL exceed any of the notification heights for the selected area.
Step 8 If proposed object or crane exceeds the notification heights, go to Step 9a, otherwise go to Step 9b.
Step 9a Submit a Tall Structure Review Application to Lee County Port Authority
Step 9b Notification is not required