



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-116

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: July 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Jet Suite X Relocation from Boca Raton Airport to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

The City has been informed that Jet Suite X (JSX) is relocating its South Florida-based operations from Boca Raton Airport (BCT) to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE). This shift will take effect on August 28, 2025, with all flights to and from BCT ending on July 31, 2025. The change in location is due to several factors associated with demolition of its current facility at BCT and recent scheduling disruptions. Additionally, relocating to FXE will provide a greater opportunity to build a customer base and offer a seamless travel experience for the Fort Lauderdale community. JSX has secured a sublease with Sheltair Aviation and will occupy a vacant facility with a lobby, hangar, and aircraft ramp space.

JSX is a public aircraft charter operator providing private air travel booked by-the-seat and is certificated under Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 135 standards, which governs air taxi, commuter and charter operations, as well as other types of on-demand, private air services. JSX also utilizes FAR Part 380 for public charters, which allows them to sell individual seats on flights that are technically chartered by another entity. The JSX fleet consists of Embraer Regional Jet (ERJ) 135 and 145 aircrafts, each retrofitted with 30 seats. The company operates across the country with point-to-point flights to nine domestic locations and will offer nonstop flights from FXE to Westchester County Airport (HPN), New York, five days per week.

Given they are a Part 135 operator, JSX flights depart from private jet terminals commonly referred to as a Fixed Based Operator (FBO), offering a more private jet-like experience, separate from the passenger terminals used by FAR Part 121 commercial service airlines. JSX operates under the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Secure Flight program and with additional passive security measures, including explosive and weapons detection. Secure Flight is a passenger pre-screening program for flights in the United States

As a regional jet, the ERJ 135/145 are not the typical Part 135 private charter aircraft, however on-demand operations can be conducted with aircraft up to 30 seats at general aviation airports. The JSX aircraft fleet is known for meeting or exceeding Stage III and Stage IV noise standards, making it acceptable for daily operations with minimal impact on the community.

FXE will ensure that JSX registers as a business operator accordingly and will require submittal of the necessary insurance certificates, FAA licenses, and City Business Tax License. Additionally, FXE staff will meet with JSX representatives to provide an overview of the voluntary noise abatement procedures for jet aircraft operations at the Airport.

For additional information, please contact Rufus James, Airport Director, at rjames@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-4968.

Attachment:

1. Image of Jet Suite X Interior and Exterior

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