

(f) "Structure" means any object or thing constructed, erected, placed or installed above the surface of the ground, including, but without limitation, buildings, fences, derricks, hay stacks, poles, wires, towers and smoke-stacks;

(g) "Tree" means any object of natural growth;

59. *Airport Hazards Not in Public Interest.* It is hereby found and declared that an airport hazard endangers the lives and property of users of airports and of occupants of land in its vicinity, and also in effect reduces the size of the area available for the landing, taking-off and maneuvering of aircraft, thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport and the public investment therein, and it is therefore 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.

60. *Adoption of Airport Zoning Regulations.*

(1) For the purposes and reasons mentioned in Section 59 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 sub-paragraph (4) of this Section 60, 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 operations at the airport.