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Gene Richards, Director of Aviation  
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Submitted via email to: [btvsound@jonespayne.com](mailto:btvsound@jonespayne.com)

**Re: City of Winooski's Comment on the Draft Noise Exposure Map**

Dear Mr. Richards,

Thank you for including the City of Winooski in the review of the Draft 14 CRF Part 150 Update and accompanying Noise Exposure Maps (NEM). With the draft updated Noise Exposure Map that was recently released, over 50% of the impact anticipated for 2023 will be borne by Winooski residents and businesses. In total 43% of our population and 41% of our homes will be within the 65 or higher DNL. This represents a significant change from the prior impact. Additionally, beyond the 65 DNL, our entire community will be impacted including our Winooski School District campus on Main Street.

Winooski is the most densely populated City in Northern New England (Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine) with 7,200 people living in 1.4 mi<sup>2</sup>. We are also the most diverse City in the State (21% of our neighbors are people of color) and a community committed to ensuring quality affordable rental housing (61% of our homes in Winooski are rentals with 53% of these being subsidized affordable homes.) Within the NEM there are now 398 subsidized housing units comprising 64% of our total subsidized housing. The 65 DNL entirely encompasses our second lowest income block group, with a median household income of \$26,362, or 40% of Area Median Income (AMI). The 65 DNL partially encompasses our lowest income block group, with a median household income of \$21,074, or 32% of AMI. Additionally, the 65 DNL entirely encompasses census tract 25, block group 2 which has the highest concentration of renters in the city at over 75% rentals. Finally, 96% of our subsidized housing for seniors and those with disabilities fall within the 65 DNL

We are a unique community that must be heard and supported. We respectfully request that the City of Burlington lead the charge to incorporate the changes below into the 14 CRF Part 150 Update.

**Information Sharing:** In the final NEM document, please include all comments made in reference to Winooski or by Winooski residents. If questions were posed, please include responses to each of these questions.



**Incorporate Additional Locations:** Please include on the Map:

- Centerpoint School: <http://www.centerpointschool.org/>
- The O'Brien Community Center at 32 Malletts Bay Ave
- All registered day care centers and family child care centers in Winooski:  
<https://dcf.vermont.gov/childcare/parents/find-provider>

**Provide Additional Sound Information:**

- Please include not only aggregate data but specific data at defined points from the modeling for when the F-35s take off with afterburners and without.
- Provide information on OSHA sound standards and how they relate both to the aggregate sound models and take-off sound models.
- Make available the GIS layer of the models to our City staff for future land use planning.

We appreciate the cooperation the City of Burlington has demonstrated as we work together to finalize the NEM and mitigate the disproportionate negative impact the City of Winooski will bear as a result of the F-35 arrival and the general airport operations.

Please feel free to contact City Manager Jessie Baker ([jbaker@winooski.vt.gov](mailto:jbaker@winooski.vt.gov)) or Mayor Kristine Lott ([mayor@winooski.vt.gov](mailto:mayor@winooski.vt.gov)) with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Winooski City Council

  
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Mayor Kristine Lott


  
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Deputy Mayor Hal Colston

  
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