

It is a shame to hear that the FAA is considering the removal of the "25nm" clause for FAR Part 91 sight-seeing flights. I routinely conduct sight-seeing/pleasure flights in the Muncie area in a 2000 Piper Archer III. Many of these flights are the participants first experience with flight. I have had several marriage proposal flights, many grandparent/grandchildren flights, and more commonly, birthday flights. Additionally, with a restaurant on the field, many come for a flight and a dinner. This arrangement being beneficial for both our organization, and the local owner of the airport's restaurant.

Should this rule go into effect, requiring FAR Part 135 standards for sight-seeing flights, you will see the numbers of individuals who can enjoy this great activity drop substantially. As a company, we would not go to the lengths required to acquire a Part 135 ticket just to carry folks "around the patch". Furthermore, the cost to hire a 135 company to do such a flight would be well beyond the means of most of our customers. As it is, we must charge \$150.00/hr. to break even with all of our associated expenses. Therefore, the majority of our flights are 1/2 hr. in length to make it manageable for the customer.