

**ATLANTA ARTCC AND HOUSTON ARTCC
LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

SUBJECT: INTERFACILITY COORDINATION

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2020

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1. **PURPOSE:** This agreement establishes coordination procedures and defines delegation of airspace between VATUSA Houston ARTCC (ZHU) and VATUSA Atlanta ARTCC (ZTL). This agreement is supplemental to procedures contained within FAA Order 7110.65Y.
 2. **DISCLAIMER:** Information contained herein is designed specifically for use in a virtual air traffic control environment. It is not applicable, nor should it be referenced for live operations in the National Airspace System (NAS).
 3. **CANCELLATION:** ZTL and ZHU Letter of Agreement dated January 4, 2009.
 4. **GENERAL PROCEDURES:**
 - a. The receiving ARTCC has control for beacon code changes.
 - b. ZTL has control for left turns for ATL arrivals north of J590 and east of ZME boundary.
 - c. ZTL has control to clear aircraft landing ATL over SHYRE on the appropriate flow dependent OPD STAR.
 - d. Controllers shall modify all flight progress strips to reflect assigned altitude and route.
 - e. Deviations from procedures in this agreement may be effected after coordination is accomplished and responsibilities defined.
 - f. Active sectors will be communicated by referencing sector ID or frequency, not call sign.
 5. **ALTITUDE RESTRICTIONS:**
 - a. Aircraft departing MOB, BFM, CQF, or JKA proceeding into ZTL's airspace must be assigned an altitude at or below FL270. At handoff, the data block must reflect the altitude assigned by ZHU.
 - b. Aircraft landing MOB, BFM, CQF, or JKA, operating above 11,000 feet, must cross the common ZHU/ZTL boundary at or below FL230, descending to 11,000 feet.
 - c. Aircraft landing GPT, BIX, PQL, or HSA, operating above FL280, must cross the common ZHU/ZTL boundary at or below FL280 right altitude for direction of flight.
 - d. Aircraft departing the MSY or GPT Terminal Areas destined ATL must be assigned an altitude at or below FL330.
 6. **ROUTING RESTRICTIONS:**
 - a. ZTL must:
 - i. Clear all aircraft FL240 and above destined MSY or NEW over SJI or direct SJI to join the SLIDD# STAR.
 - ii. Clear aircraft above 9,000 feet landing CQF or JKA via direct BFM direct destination.
 - b. ZHU must:
 - i. Ensure aircraft destined ATL, departing from or east of I90 TRACON and requesting FL240 and above, are established on a transition to a STAR entering ZTL airspace.

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EXCEPTION: Aircraft departing MOB, BFM, CQF, or JKA landing ATL via the LGC STAR must be routed via J37 MGM to join.

- ii. Clear aircraft not destined ATL via J37.MGM or routes that will remain clear of aircraft on STAR transitions to ATL.

7. ATTACHMENTS:

- a. ZTL Sector Splits
- b. ZHU Sector Splits

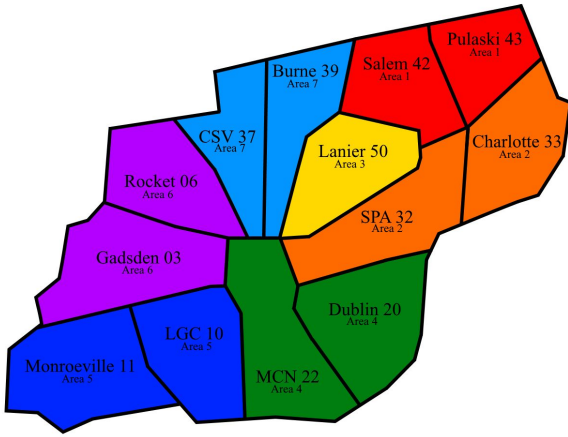
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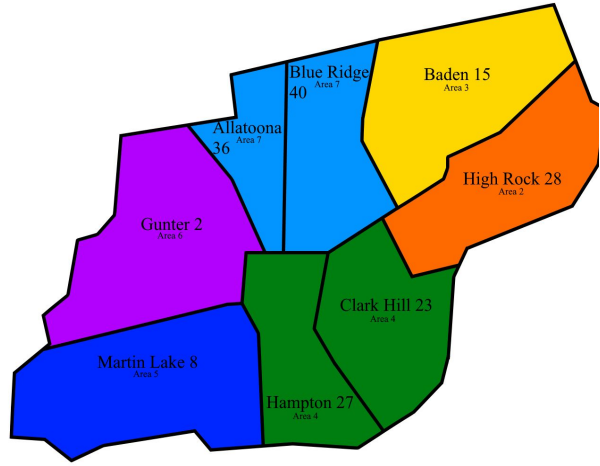
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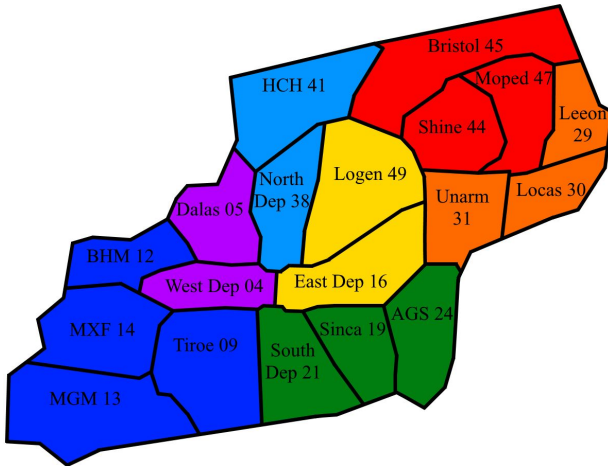
ATTACHMENT A - ZTL Sectorization



High Sectors - FL240 to FL340



Ultra-High Sectors - FL350 to UNL



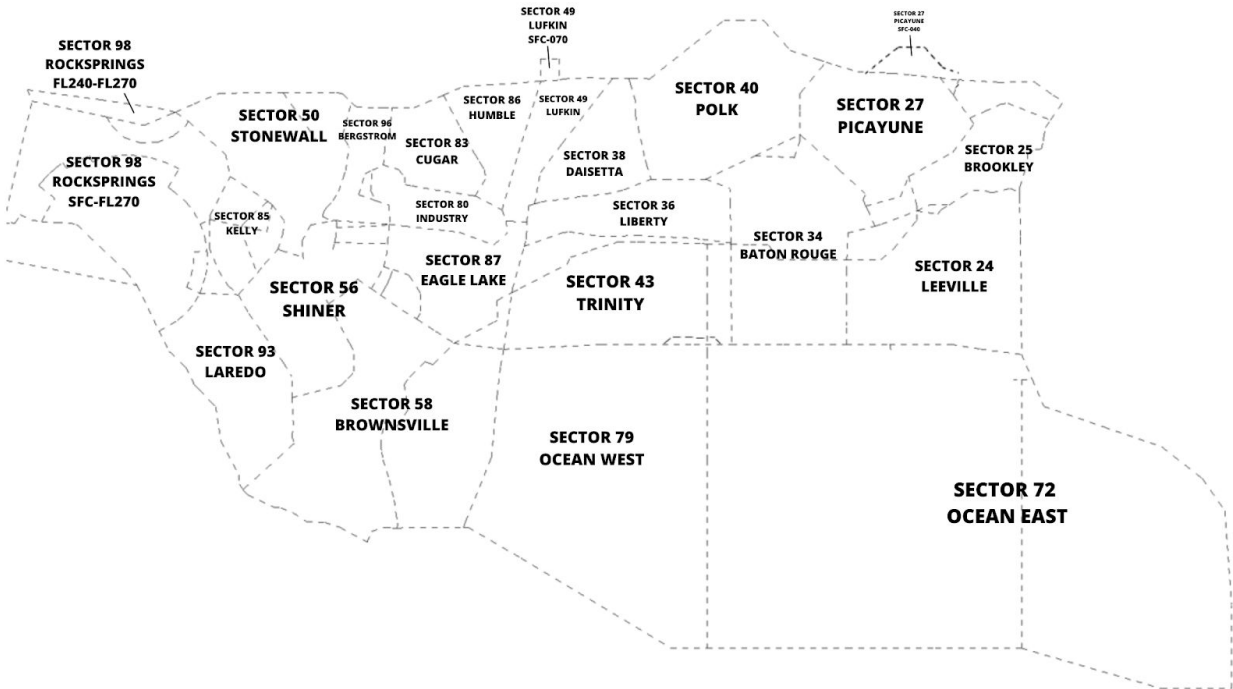
Low Sectors - SFC to FL230

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ATTACHMENT B - ZHU Sectorization

SFC-FL230

ZHU LOW

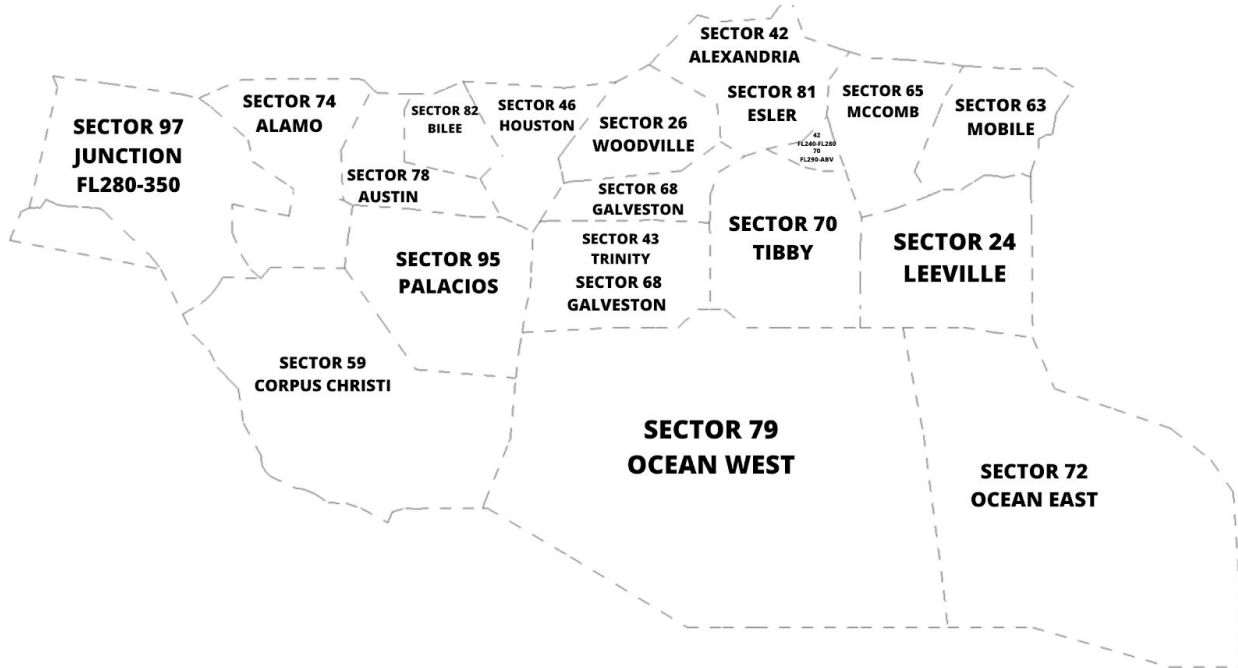


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ATTACHMENT B CONT. - ZHU Sectorization

FL230-FL340 (Unless otherwise noted)

ZHU HIGH



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**ATTACHMENT B CONT. - ZHU Sectorization
FL350-ABV (Unless otherwise noted)**

ZHU ULTRA HIGH

