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Delta to Suspend Salem Flights in October

Delta Airlines has notified the City of Salem that as of July 26, 2008, it will not be accepting reservations for flights into and from Salem beyond October 10, 2008.

Delta will work directly with persons who already have reservations after October 10, 2008 to best accommodate their travel plans.

High fuel costs are the reason for Delta's decision to suspend these flights. Flights in and out of Salem have been 70-80% full in the last few months, indicating strong community support for the service, but fuel prices are continuing to rise.

"We are extremely disappointed but understand why this decision was made," says Salem Mayor Janet Taylor. "The Salem community has worked very hard and we strongly believe that commercial air service is viable in Salem. We will continue to aggressively pursue all possible avenues to see if this decision can be changed."

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