

The City of Atlanta Department of Aviation Announces Selection of Airport Concessions Director



Charles E. Ewing

ATLANTA, GA – Following a nationwide search, the City of Atlanta Department of Aviation has selected Charles E. “Chilly” Ewing, Sr., to be the new Airport Concessions Director at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Ewing began his new role in October, 2015.

In his new role, Ewing will provide overall strategic direction for driving concessions revenue and will manage operation of the airport concessions program. He will also manage lease agreements and provide oversight to assure concession compliance with lease terms, airport policy, regulatory requirements (local, state and federal); manage an ongoing inspection and compliance program and conduct periodic reviews with concessionaires.

Ewing is extremely familiar with ATL and the concessions division, having previously worked there for approximately 15 years and completing his service as the Interim Director of Concessions and as the Concessions Compliance/Operations Manager. In these positions, Ewing managed the Concession Division and provided oversight of the 266 concessions and 12 car rental companies at the Airport. He also gained considerable management and leadership skills by serving over 26 years with the United States Air Force, retiring with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

“It is great returning to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport,” said Ewing. “These are exciting times. Our airport concessions mission is to continue to enhance the customer experience as our airport continues in passenger growth. With over 274,000 passengers passing through this airport every day, efficiency can’t be an option; it has to be a standard. Our program has world class brands with world class operators - 315 concession locations and 12 rental car brands, which generate over \$700 Million in sales annually. We are always striving to keep Atlanta’s airport concessions operation running smoothly to maximize efficiency and increase revenue for the City.”

Ewing holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri.

Ewing has fond memories of his recent years of living in Belgium and travels throughout Europe. When not at work, Ewing and his wife, Noli, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and traveling. He also enjoys playing golf and riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle.

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