



Legislation Text

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Police Department

Reference: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Rules and Regulations

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PURPOSE

To inform City Council of FAA rules and regulations regarding the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), AKA drones.

BACKGROUND

With advances in UAV technology the use of these vehicles has become commonplace. Citizens, businesses and government entities use UAVs for many purposes. For example, the Brighton Fire Department recently shared video of a major firefighting operation. This video was recorded via a UAV flown over the scene. The Police Department has used UAVs to record aerial footage of major accident scenes.

UAVs can prove to be a valuable tool. However, recreational use of UAVs can be controversial. Invasion of privacy, trespassing and other uses causing annoyances are concerns to be addressed.

CONCLUSIONS

While FAA rules apply to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles these rule are difficult to enforce on the local level. A city ordinance crafted to address the public use of UAVs would allow for enforcement of rules and regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- 1) Approve
- 2) Decline

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Move forward with development of an ordinance regulating the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.