

POLICY

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

PURPOSE: Due to safety and privacy concerns, the purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for the recreational, commercial, and governmental use of unmanned aerial vehicles on or above Williamson County Parks and to ensure that the use of unmanned aerial vehicles does not threaten the safety or privacy of those using Williamson County Parks ("County Parks"). For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial vehicle ("UAV") is defined as an aircraft without a human pilot aboard, the flight of which is controlled either autonomously by on board computers or by the remote control of a pilot on the ground or in another vehicle or aircraft.

This policy is not intended to restrict legitimate operation of a UAV for a public purpose by or at the direction of a governmental unit in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") rules and any applicable laws. Additionally, it is not the intent of this policy to preempt FAA rules, but to operate UAVs in conjunction and in accordance with this policy while recognizing the limitations in the FAA's enforcement capabilities.

PROHIBITION: Unless otherwise exempt or permission is obtained, Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department prohibits the take-off, landing, and operation of UAVs, on or above any County Parks by the general public without the prior written authorization from the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department. This prohibition extends to any devices launched or operated from a Williamson County owned park, as well as any launched from property outside Williamson County Parks.

PERMISSION: Should any individual or entity desire to use UAV's on or above Williamson County Parks for the following purposes, written approval must first be granted by the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Director or his authorized representative:

- Use by registered licensed users on behalf of an athletic organization for the purposes of advertising. Use shall not be permitted while athletic events are being conducted or over any individual; and
- Educational purposes.

LIMITATIONS ON RECREATIONAL USE: Should permission be granted for use of a UAV for recreational purposes over County Park property, the UAV must weigh under fifty-five (55) pounds and the user shall comply with the following standards and rules:

- Register your UAV with the FAA and mark your UAV with your registration number;
- Fly the UAV under 400 feet and remain below any surrounding obstacles;
- Must maintain eyesight at all times, and use an observer to assist if needed;
- Never fly the UAV in the vicinity of manned aircraft;
- Do not fly over persons or moving vehicles and remain at least twenty-five (25) feet away from any individuals;
- Do not fly in adverse weather conditions such as high winds or reduced visibility;
- Do not fly if under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and
- Do not fly near or over sensitive infrastructure or property such as power stations, water treatment facilities, correctional facilities, or heavily traveled or private property.

Should a user receive permission, by operation of a UAV, the user is warranting to the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department that the operator is competent and proficient in the operation of UAVs.

EXEMPTIONS: This policy shall not prohibit the use of any UAV by law enforcement, emergency response, public safety, or Williamson County agencies if the use is in accordance with the FAA rules and applicable laws and the use is to provide emergency response or law enforcement services.