



REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT Policy and Procedure Manual



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Unmanned Aircraft – Interim Policy

I. POLICY

The District prohibits launching, landing or operating unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters managed by the District, subject to exceptions and conditions described herein.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use of unmanned aircraft is addressed in a consistent manner by the District before a significant level of such use occurs within the system. This interim policy shall remain in effect, until such time that ordinance 328.1 is revised to thoroughly address unmanned aircraft on all District Lands and Water.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unmanned Aircraft – commonly referred to as a “drone,” is defined by the Federal Aviation Administration as “the unmanned aircraft (UA) and all of the associated support equipment, control station, data links, telemetry, communications and navigation equipment, etc., necessary to operate the unmanned aircraft. The UA is the flying portion of the system, flown by a pilot via a ground control system, or autonomously through the use of an on-board computer, communication links and any additional equipment that is necessary for the UA to operate safely.

IV. PROCEDURE

Prohibition is necessary to maintain public health and safety, the protection of park and open space resources, and preserve values until the District can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters managed by the District are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on District managed lands and water. Park and Natural Resource Managers shall update the onsite policy manual to address this prohibition and will direct Rangers to enforce this policy effective immediately.

The required prohibition does not apply to the following:



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- A. The use, authorized in writing prior to the date of this Policy.
- B. Administrative use of unmanned aircraft as approved in writing by the District General Manager for such purposes as scientific study, search and rescue operations, fire operations and law enforcement.
- C. Activities conducted under a special use permit that specifically authorizes launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft and is approved in writing by the Assistant Director - Operations and Resources.

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