

Information relating to the use of (UAS)/drone(s) within The City of Pacific Grove

An unmanned aircraft system is defined as (1) an unmanned aircraft and (2) the equipment necessary for the safe and efficient operation of that aircraft. An unmanned aircraft is a component of a UAS. It is defined by statute as an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft (Public Law 112-95, Section 331(8)).

Federal law requires small unmanned aircraft weighing more than 55 pounds and less than 55 pounds be registered with the FAA and marked with a registration number, either by registering online or by paper based registration . An exception applies if the aircraft is used exclusively under a Special Rule for Model Aircraft.

The operator of any Model Aircraft - when flown within 5 miles of an airport – is required to provide the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower (when an air traffic facility is located at the airport) prior notice of the operation (model aircraft operators flying from a permanent location within 5 miles of an airport should establish a mutually-agreed upon operating procedure with the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower [when an air traffic facility is located at the airport]

The remote pilot in command of the small UAS is required to report an accident to the FAA within 10 days if it results in at least serious injury to any person or any loss of consciousness, or if it causes damage to any property (other than the UAS) in excess of \$500 to repair or replace the property (whichever is lower). Also, flying a drone in a reckless manner is a violation of Federal law and FAA regulations and could result in civil fines or criminal action.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW):

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 14, §251.1. Harassment of Animals.

Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish & Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal or furbearing mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. CaITIP: 1-888-334-2258

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