

Lisle Park District DRONE POLICY



Definitions and Policy Regulating the Use of Aircraft/Drones on or over District Property

"Aircraft" means any equipment or device that is used or intended to be used for human flight or is capable of flight, including but not limited to powerless flight.

"Drones" means any unmanned aircraft system that is capable of sustained flight or suspension in the atmosphere including unmanned aircraft commonly referred to as model airplanes, small unmanned aircraft or aerial systems, aerial hover craft, and any other remotely piloted or unmanned aircraft of any kind.

Additional Resources

Forest Preserve of DuPage County Drone Use

www.dupageforest.org/drone_use/

Federal Aviation Administration Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone)

www.faa.gov/uas/



PARK DISTRICT

1925 Ohio Street, Lisle
630-964-3410

Lisle Park District Ordinance 13-02 (Conduct Ordinance), Section 2.01

AIRCRAFT/DRONES

(a) No Person shall operate or fly, cause to be operated or flown, or permit or authorize the operation or flying of Aircraft over District Property except in strict accordance with applicable laws governing such flight, including rules promulgated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(b) No Person shall operate, launch, take off, land, cause to launch, take off or land, or authorize the operation, take off, launching or landing of any Aircraft of any kind from or on District Property, except when necessitated by unavoidable emergency.

(c) No Person shall parachute or otherwise descend from an Aircraft into or onto District Property or cause, permit or authorize another Person to parachute or otherwise descend from an Aircraft into or onto District Property except when necessitated by unavoidable emergency.

(d) No person shall operate, launch, take off, land, cause to launch, take off or land, or authorize the operation, take off, launching or landing of any Drones of any kind from or on District Property:

1. In violation of the Federal Aviation Administration rules, regulations, and safety guidelines governing such flight*;
2. Within fifty (50) horizontal feet of any property line, person, building, playground, tennis court, basketball court, parking lot, aquatic park, golf course, or skate park;
3. Directly over any person, group of people, or occupied space;
4. For the purpose of conducting surveillance (which is defined as the gathering of images, sounds, data, or other information in a manner that intrudes upon the solitude, privacy, or seclusion of a person or his/her private affairs or concerns), unless expressly permitted by law;
5. That is equipped with a firearm or other Weapon or with the intent to use the Drone or anything attached to the Drone to cause harm to persons or property;
6. Whenever weather conditions would impair the operator's ability to do so safely; or
7. In a reckless or careless manner.

***The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules, regulations, and safety guidelines for operating drones include but are not limited to:**

BEFORE YOU FLY YOU MUST:

- Register your UAS (drone) if it weighs more than 0.55 pounds
- Label your UAS (drone) with your registration number
- Read and understand all safety guidelines

YOU MUST BE:

- 13 years of age or older (if the owner is less than 13 years of age, a person 13 years of age or older must register the small unmanned aircraft)
- A U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident

FAA SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- Fly at or below 400 feet
- Keep your UAS (drone) within sight
- Never fly near other aircraft, especially near airports
- Never fly over groups of people
- Never fly over stadiums or sports events
- Never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires
- Never fly under the influence
- Be aware of airspace requirements
- Use is prohibited within 5 miles of airports without prior notification to airport and air traffic control
- Operators must ALWAYS yield right of way to manned aircraft
- Operator must follow community - based safety guidelines

A complete listing of FAA rules and regulations can be found on their website www.faa.gov/uas/

The Lisle Park District's endorsement of drone use is purely recreational. Competitive and/or high-speed maneuvering and stunt flying is better suited for more expansive and remote spaces than the Lisle Park District can provide, and therefore is prohibited. The Forest Preserve of DuPage County provides a few locations where this sort of activity may be permitted.

Download our Conduct Ordinance booklet online at LisleParkDistrict.org/dronepolicy