

DRONES, UNPILOTED AND MODEL AIRCRAFT (UAS) OPERATING PERMIT APPLICATION

City of West Hollywood
Department of Public Works
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069
323-848-6375



City of West Hollywood
California 1984

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**Please submit a copy of the
certificate of aircraft registration/
proof of ownership issued by the
Federal Aviation Administration**

Please submit \$5.00 Permit fee.

Aircraft Information:

Make and Model
of Drone:

Serial / N #

Please provide a description of the proposed flight activity, including whether filming,
taking of visual images and/or sound recording will occur:

I have read the Operating Requirements and Restrictions (9.30.040) and agree to comply with all the laws, state and federal, pertaining to the conduct of said business and to all the ordinances, rules and regulations of the City of West Hollywood.

Signature _____

Date _____

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____

Received By: _____

Payment Method and Check/ Receipt # _____

Permit/ Sticker # _____

Date Issued _____

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City of West Hollywood UAS Permit holder:

The permit decal/sticker shall be placed on the body of the unpiloted aircraft or unpiloted aircraft system in a conspicuous location on the earth-facing surface of the device and in a manner clearly visible from the ground. Placement of stickers shall be subject to approval of the city or performed by the city.

9.30.040 Operating Requirements and Restrictions.

- a. No person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS within the city in a manner that interferes with piloted aircraft, and model aircraft shall always give way to any piloted aircraft.
- b. No person shall operate any model aircraft within the city beyond the visual line of sight of the person operating the model aircraft. The operator must use his or her own natural vision (which includes vision corrected by standard eyeglasses or contact lenses) to observe the model aircraft. People other than the operator may not be used in lieu of the operator for maintaining visual line of sight. Visual line of sight means that the operator has an unobstructed view of the model aircraft. The use of vision-enhancing devices, such as binoculars, night vision goggles, powered vision magnifying devices, and goggles or other devices designed to provide a "first-person view" from the model, do not constitute the visual line of sight of the person operating the model aircraft.
- c. No person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS within the city other than during daylight hours defined as between official sunrise and official sunset for local time, unless proof of authorization to do so by the Federal Aviation Administration is provided to the city.
- d. No person shall operate any model aircraft within the city more than four hundred feet above the earth's surface, unless proof of authorization to do so by the Federal Aviation Administration is provided to the city.
- e. Excluding takeoff and landing, no person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS within the city closer than twenty-five feet to any individual, except the operator or the operator's helper(s).
- f. No person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS within the city in a manner that is prohibited by any federal or state statute or regulation governing aeronautics, including, but not limited to, Public Utilities Code Section 21407 and Federal Aviation Rule 91.13.
- g. No person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS within the city in violation of any temporary flight restriction or "Notice to Airmen" issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- h. No person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS within the city to capture, record or transmit any visual image or audio recording of any person or private real property located in the city under circumstances in which the subject person or owner of the subject real property has a reasonable expectation of privacy (including, but not limited to, inside a private office and inside a hotel room). This provision is intended to supplement, rather than duplicate, the prohibition against trespassing into the air space above the land of another person in order to capture any type of visual image or sound recording of a person engaging in a private, personal, or familial activity in a manner that is offensive to a reasonable person, pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1708.8.
- i. Unless authorized by federal law, it shall be an infraction to knowingly and intentionally operate any model aircraft or civil UAS on the grounds of, or less than three hundred fifty feet above ground level within the airspace overlaying, a public or private school in the city providing instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, during school hours and without the written permission of the school principal or higher authority, or designee, or equivalent school authority.
- j. Unless authorized by federal law, it shall be an infraction to knowingly and intentionally use any model aircraft or civil UAS to capture images of public or private school grounds in the city providing instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, during school hours and without the written permission of the school principal or higher authority, or designee, or equivalent school authority.
- k. No person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS in a manner that interferes with firefighting, police activity or emergency response activity as detailed in California Penal Code Sections 148.2 and 402.
- l. No person shall operate any model aircraft or civil UAS within the airspace overlaying a city park during a city-sponsored event in the park unless authorized to do so in the special event permit, City Hall, or a law enforcement or fire station within the city.