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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** Fruita City Council and Mayor

**FROM:** Lieutenant Nick Peck and Neighborhood Services Coordinator Matt Carson

**DATE:** August 15, 2023

**AGENDA TEXT:** Updating Ordinance language creating a new Title 9 Chapter in the Fruita Municipal Code to regulate Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

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### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this coversheet is to provide the City Council with the updated regulations pertaining to all Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operating within the boundaries of the City of Fruita. Per City Council direction, staff updated the language in the ordinance to provide more access for UAS operations, primarily in designated City Parks outside of planned events or large gatherings of people. Staff met with local UAS operators and attended an FAA UAS Law Enforcement Seminar to better understand public concern and safety implications surrounding UAS usage.

### APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The city's primary goal is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the city's residents. Additionally, the proposed Ordinance is intended to align with Fruita's Community Values where people feel safe in their neighborhoods, in their homes, and where they recreate. Quality of Place is another strong focus of Staff and the City Council, as a community where residents and visitors love where they are.

### OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

Provide direction to Staff on the proposed UAS Ordinance language.