



FRUITA
COLORADO

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Manager Mike Bennett & Lt. Nick Peck

DATE: November 28, 2023

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this coversheet is to provide the City Council with the updated regulations (attached) 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. Lt. Peck will walk through the current draft of the ordinance and describe how enforcement will be handled to manage expectations of what the proposed ordinance accomplishes prior to starting the official ordinance process.

BACKGROUND

At the June 6, 2023, City Council meeting, a resident expressed concern over her HOA president using a drone to fly into backyards of residences to take pictures of possible violations. The Police Department had to refer the complaints to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) who regulates drones, or unmanned aircraft systems, which led to the resident requesting the Council to consider a local ordinance to better protect privacy on private property related to drones. City staff have brought various draft to the City Council for review and discussion resulting in the draft attached.