



FRUITA
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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: Fruita City Council and Mayor

FROM: Planning & Development Director, Dan Caris

DATE: June 20, 2023

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

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this coversheet is to provide the City Council with proposed regulations pertaining to all Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operating within the boundaries of the City of Fruita. The use of UAS has evolved from strictly military or government use into civilian, commercial, and recreational use among a range of residents and visitors in Fruita. As a home rule municipality, the City of Fruita is authorized under its general police powers to adopt regulations in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors. The proposed Ordinance creates a new chapter in Title 9 of the Municipal Code which sets forth the purposes and applicability of Public Peace, Morals and Welfare within the City. It is the intent of this Ordinance to continue to protect the privacy of private property owners and to lay the foundation for defining UAS, set boundaries for how they are used, and enforcement guidelines for when a violation occurs.

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.