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Drone help! City of Stevenson

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Dear Ms. Kinley, Mayor Anderson and City Council members,

My neighbors and I are having serious problems with a neighbor and his use of a drone to harass us and violate our privacy. Without a reasonable ordinance prohibiting bad behavior by drone operators the Skamania County Sheriff's department is powerless to do anything. Getting a restraining order is difficult.

I believe there is a reasonable way to protect the rights of drone owners and homeowners and citizens like me. I ask that the City of Stevenson adopt an ordinance that would require drone operators to have permission of a property owner before being allowed to fly into the air space over that property. Just like other cities have done, one could allow drone flights over houses without permission hasn't been obtained, but at a high enough altitude where privacy won't be invaded. Law enforcement and legitimate governmental business could be exempt from this requirement.

Here is a link to an article that shows that other jurisdictions have instituted such safeguards. As you can see, the entity in this article was a small town, just like Stevenson.

<https://www.startribune.com/st-bonifacius-says-no-to-drones/201723501/>

And there are many helpful resources that could help you draft an ordinance that is good for all City of Stevenson residents, property owners like me and drone operators alike. See:

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/March-2017/What-Can-Local-Governments-Do-About-Drones.aspx>

Also, see the attached information put out by the National League of Cities. Clearly the Stevenson City Council has the authority to institute drone regulations. We have plenty of open spaces where our citizens who own drones can use them without invading the privacy of me and my neighbors.

Thank you for considering this request. My neighbors and I need your help. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully submitted,

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 **National League of Cities - drone issue.pdf**
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