



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Approve Text Amendment of Town Code Section 14-10(a) To Prohibit the Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles on Town Property

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen consider updating the Town Code to prohibit operation of unmanned aerial vehicles on town property.

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks

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INFORMATION: Almost weekly when staff visits Anderson Park they observe park patrons flying drones on ballfields and the large multipurpose field. During those visits staff will ask patrons to refrain from flying drones in the park. We feel updating the ordinance to specifically mention drones and posting signage will assist in educating the public.

The code currently reads -

Section 14-10 Certain Recreational Activities Generally Prohibited (a) Subject to subsection (b), no person on town property may engage in horseback riding, hitting golf balls, model airplane flying, archery, overnight camping or other recreational activities that may tend to damage or disrupt the use of town property or pose a hazard to other occupants. (b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to persons engaged in the activities described therein while participating in events or programs authorized by the town, so long as such activities are conducted only at the locations and times authorized.

The change would reflect the following. Update is in **bold** text.

(a) Subject to subsection (b), no person on town property may engage in horseback riding, hitting golf balls, model airplane flying, **unmanned aerial vehicles (commonly referred to as "drones"**, archery, overnight camping or other recreational activities that may tend to damage or disrupt the use of town property or pose a hazard to other occupants.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Minimal staff impact associated with updating the Town Code. PW staff can create and install signage. The estimated cost for signs is \$150 for approximately 3-4 signs.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the Town Code change provided in Attachment A.