

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, while the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for regulating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as drones, local jurisdictions are not preempted by law from enacting their own regulations; and

WHEREAS, some jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles, have found it necessary to enact regulations on the use of UAS, in order to ensure that they are used in a safe manner; and

WHEREAS, Section 2142 of S. 2658 (Thune), the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2016, would expressly prohibit state and local governments from enacting their own regulations on the use of UAS; and


WHEREAS, often, it is difficult for the federal government and its agencies to determine what types of restrictions or regulations are best in certain areas, so these choices should be left to local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, the City of Los Angeles adopted an ordinance (C.F. 15-0927) imposing safety requirements and restrictions on the operation of UAS in the City, in order to mitigate the risks associated with these devices and ensure the safety of the public and property; and


WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should have the ability to regulate the use of UAS within City limits, without being preempted by federal law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to Section 2142 of S. 2658 (Thune), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2016, or any other similar provision, that would prohibit state or local governments from enacting laws or ordinances to regulate the operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in their jurisdictions.

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