

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, unmanned aerial systems (UAS), also known as drones, have become popular with hobbyists over recent years; and

WHEREAS, users of UAS often fly these vehicles closely over other people's property, raising concerns about privacy; and

WHEREAS, UAS are often equipped with high definition cameras, capable of taking photos and videos of persons and their property from above, without any consent; and

WHEREAS, as technology changes and evolves, it is important for the law to keep pace; and

WHEREAS, SB 142 (Jackson) would define property rights to include the use of the airspace up to 350 feet above the underlying property; and

WHEREAS, SB 142 ensures that privacy rights are maintained, while still allowing hobbyists to fly their UAS above underlying property; and

WHEREAS, SB 142 strikes the balance between the rights of property owners and the ability of individuals to fly their UAS in a safe and responsible manner;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 142 (Jackson), which would define property rights in California to include the airspace up to an elevation of 350 feet above the underlying property, and would clarify that the operation of an unmanned aerial vehicle below that level over the property of another person could constitute trespassing.

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