

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** May 15, 2017
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONE) ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.45 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS"

PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the operation of drones above or near certain areas of the City. Specifically, the ordinance bans drone flights (1) where operated in a careless or reckless manner over public streets and sidewalks; (2) at special events, unless the property owner, event/permit applicant, and Police Department all approve of the drone flight; and (3) over critical City, public safety, utility, and transit infrastructure.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

At its March 20, 2017 meeting, the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare this ordinance.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Police Department and the Economic Development Division of the City Manager's Office will be affected by this ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

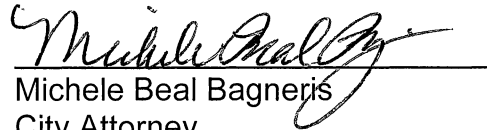
The actual fiscal impact associated with enforcement of the ordinance is currently unknown, but is not expected to be significant.

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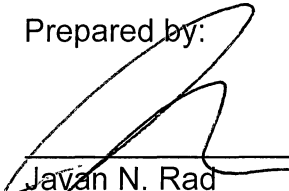
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On March 20, 2017, the Council determined that the proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "general rule" that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Respectfully submitted,


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