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## **GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF DRONES/UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS** **AT THE NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL**

The Nebraska State Capitol is the seat of state government. All three branches of government are located in the building and over 500 people work in the building every day. Citizens of Nebraska come to the Capitol to conduct business; visitors from all over the United States and the world come to view the magnificent building. The Capitol is an inspirational public monument with exceptional public art and drone operators may desire to film and photograph the Capitol using a drone/UAV. Functions of state government have priority for use of the Capitol, and drone/UAV operation cannot interfere with functions of state government or present a possible threat to public safety.

1. The use of a drone/UAV inside the Nebraska State Capitol is prohibited.
2. The Nebraska State Capitol is within the 5 mile zone circumscribing the Lincoln Municipal Airport and all drone operators must fulfill all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations required for operating aircraft within the defined five (5) mile zone.
3. Drone/UAV operators who meet the FAA requirements are able to fly a drone in the area adjacent to the Capitol property, defined as a cube with the boundaries of the curb line of all four public streets surrounding the Capitol reaching up perpendicular to a horizontal height of 800 feet.
4. Drone/UAV operators may request permission, in advance, to fly a drone/UAV within the defined Capitol property by submitting a letter or Facility Use Permit to the Office of the Capitol Commission describing the purpose of the drone/UAV request. The request shall include the name/agency/organization and all contact information, the date, time and duration of the flight, and the type of drone/UAV and equipment to be used.
5. The application letter or FUP shall be submitted to the Office of the Capitol Commission at least two (2) weeks in advance of the intended use date.
6. A written response to the applicant will be provided by the Office of the Capitol Commission will be sent within five (5) working days of OCC receiving the request.
7. A governmental institution may appeal the decision of the Office of the Capitol Commission by appearing before the Nebraska Capitol Commission at a regular quarterly meeting of this body and present a written statement describing the reason the original OCC decision is being appealed and the consideration the group is requesting from the Commission. Quarterly NCC meetings are scheduled at the start of each year and typically held in the first two weeks of February, June, August and November.

Please contact the **Capitol Tourism Supervisor (402) 471-0449** to receive a Facility Use Permit. Correspondence may be sent to the Office of the Capitol Commission, P.O. Box 94696, Lincoln, NE 68509.