

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO OPERATE A PUBLIC UNMANNED AIRCRAFT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Tyler finds that the use of unmanned aircraft, also known as drones, provide a cost effective alternative to manned aircraft operations; and

WHEREAS, The City Council agrees that the Tyler Police Department's public safety mission will be enhanced by the use of unmanned aircraft for crime and crash scene photography, evidence recovery, search and rescue, and disaster response; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 423, of the Texas Government Code assures citizen privacy by restricting law enforcement use of unmanned aircraft to specific purposes allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted to hear citizen concerns; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, is required for the Tyler Police Department to operate a public aircraft operation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS;

PART 1: That the City Council of the City of Tyler authorizes the Police Department to apply for a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization from the FAA to conduct public unmanned aircraft operations; and

PART 2: That the City Council of the City of Tyler ratifies the City Attorney's required public declaration letter to the FAA initiating the application process; and

PART 3: That the City Council of the City of Tyler authorizes the Tyler Police Department, once approved, to operate an unmanned aircraft program;

PART 4: Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of April, A.D., 2018.



MARTIN HEINES, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS


ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK



APPROVED:



DEBORAH G. PULLUM,
CITY ATTORNEY