

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 57

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF UNMANNED
AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has promulgated regulations related to the operation of drones commonly known as Small Unmanned Aircraft Rule Part 107;

WHEREAS, the City of Merced may operate small unmanned aircraft systems, 55 pounds or less, pursuant to FAA Part 107 regulations and state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is enacting this resolution in order to outline the permissible uses of drones by the City of Merced.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced approves the use and operation of unmanned aircraft systems for the following purposes:

- Search for lost or missing persons
- Search for suspects avoiding arrest
- Size up of large incidents, fire, hazardous materials spills/releases, Rescue on bear creek, etc.
- Fire Investigation, Fire scene, surveillance, etc.
- Training – Aerial View of training evolutions for historical purpose and skills evaluations
- Public Education – Video of fire scenes, etc.
- Public Education – Public Training for disaster preparedness
- Emergency Operations – Disaster situations, flood, earthquake, manmade and natural disasters
- Search and Rescue

SECTION 2. The unmanned aircraft system shall be operated in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to FAA rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. The operation of the unmanned aircraft system is in the course of legitimate activity by an employee of the City of Merced and will be approved, prior to operation, by a member employee or official, acting in a management or supervisory role.

SECTION 4. If necessary, the appropriate agency of the member has properly secured a search warrant prior to the operation of the unmanned aircraft system.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 6 day of November 2017, by the following vote:

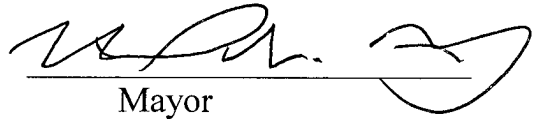
AYES: 7 Council Members: BELLUOMINI, BLAKE, MARTINEZ, MCLEOD, MURPHY, PEDROZO, SERRATTO

NOES: 0 Council Members: NONE

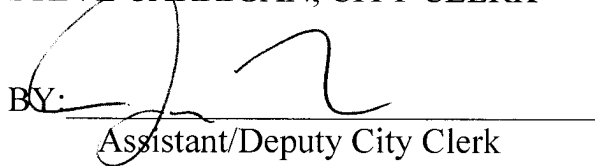
ABSENT: 0 Council Members: NONE

ABSTAIN: 0 Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:

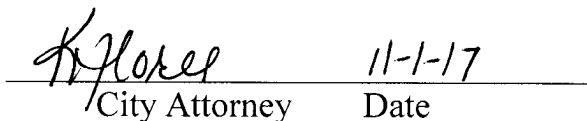

Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY: 
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney 11-1-17
Date

