



City of Anaheim  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

February 16, 2017

Carrie L. Carmody, Ph.D.  
Foreperson, 2016-2017 Orange County Grand Jury  
Orange County Grand Jury  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Progress Report on Recommendations from 2015-2016 Grand Jury Report  
entitled:

**Drones: Know Before You Fly**

Dear Dr. Carmody:

Below is the current progress report from the City of Anaheim regarding each of the five (5) recommendations related to drone operation and regulation with which the City agreed and for which a timeframe for completion was provided. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this emerging issue and for the time and energy committed by the Grand Jury members on this and other important challenges facing our communities. Please contact me if you need additional information.

**Recommendation 1. Each City Council should direct its City Attorney to provide a report to the city's police department and City Council on existing laws that can be applied to the use of recreational drones in the city's jurisdiction on December 30, 2016.**

**Progress Update:** The report outlining existing laws which can be applied to recreational drone operations has been drafted and is anticipated to be distributed to both the police department and City Council by the end of this month (February 2017).

**Recommendation 2. Each City should adopt a recreational drone ownership and operation ordinance, with regulations similar to those found in Los Angeles City Ordinance #183912, by March 31, 2017, to the extent not preempted or superceded by Federal law or Federal regulations.**

**Progress Update:** A recreational drone ownership and operation ordinance has been drafted by the Anaheim City Attorney's Office, and it is anticipated to be brought before the City Council for ratification by the indicated deadline of March 31, 2017.

**Recommendation 3. Each City should inform its citizens about laws and ordinances that apply to recreational drone operators through print media, city-related websites, social media sites and/or public forums by March 31, 2017.**

**Progress Update:** Information regarding private and commercial drone operation is now available via both the Anaheim Police Department and City of Anaheim websites: <http://www.anaheim.net/4534/Drones-in-Anaheim>.

This data includes a section on Frequently Asked Questions and links to the FAA web pages dedicated to Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones). The FAA links also specifically depict and explain the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) airspace surrounding Disneyland. Information related to drone operation has also been posted on the City's social media platforms; and in the coming weeks the City's monthly newsletter and cable television program will deliver relevant content on the topic.

**Recommendation 4. Each City should establish and publish on its website a point of contact for drone-related citizen complaints by December 30, 2016.**

**Progress Update:** The City's website provides detailed information outlining how community members can report complaints about drone activity. Specifically, the public is directed to call 911 for urgent threats or to report a crime in progress; to call the police non-emergency number for public safety concerns; and to contact Anaheim Code Enforcement for other general drone related concerns or to submit a complaint.

Further, the City's website provides a link to contact the FAA directly for additional information related to drones, to report an incident or accident involving a drone and to request a Waiver / Airspace Authorization for drone operation: <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>

**Recommendation 5. Each City should post FAA drone ownership and operation educational links on city-related websites, newsletters and flyers by December 30, 2016.**

**Progress Update:** Information on drone operation and ownership is now posted to the City's website, and includes links to FAA data, charts and other educational material: <http://www.anaheim.net/4534/Drones-in-Anaheim>. In the coming weeks, the City's monthly newsletter and cable television program will also deliver relevant content on the topic.

Sincerely,



Kristine Ridge  
Acting City Manager