

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SALINAS UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) POLICY

WHEREAS, unmanned aerial systems have become more prevalent and the utility of the systems continue to expand. Many organizations, including governments, are implementing these technologies to increase effectiveness, improve safety, and save time and costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas recognizes privacy considerations are an important aspect of the City's UAS policy and program. The proposed City uses of UAS will be consistent with state and federal law regarding privacy and private property rights that may be impacted by the City's use of the UAS; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department, in coordination with the City Attorney's Office, Police and Fire Department, and other City Departments/Divisions developed a program outlining proposed uses of UAS to assist with infrastructure and construction monitoring, and other non-surveillance needs; and

WHEREAS, this UAS policy only addresses use of UAS technologies by city personnel or city-authorized contract work. This Policy does not address or intend to address UAS operations in the City of Salinas conducted by non-city personnel including businesses or hobbyist; and

WHEREAS, Staff has evaluated the utility of these systems and recommends implementing these technologies to enhance services provided to the citizen of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2017 the Salinas Airport Commission recommended City Council approve the City of Salinas Unmanned Aerial Systems Policy; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends City Council approve the City of Salinas Unmanned Aerial Systems Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Salinas that the Unmanned Aerial Systems Policy attached to this Resolution is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed to appoint an UAS Steering Committee that shall be responsible for the management of the UAS program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk