

DRONE FAQs for KINGS POINT RESIDENTS

Why am I seeing so many drones flying over Kings Point ?

1. Drones are increasingly being used for commercial purposes. Sun City Center is one of the first sites in the US to see the emergence of drone delivery.
2. Amazon has approximately ten sites in the U.S. that have begun drone delivery services. A new Amazon drone “nest” or “portal” has begun operating in Ruskin, FL and can make deliveries within an 8-mile radius.
3. Walmart Supercenter on Highway 301 is planning a drone nest with deliveries within a 6-mile radius using a partner, Wing Drone Delivery.
4. Both Amazon and Walmart drone deliveries are designed for small, last-minute items rather than large or multiple items.
5. Drones are also being used by real estate agents, construction and insurance companies, and other commercial ventures.

Source: [Amazon launches 'Prime Air' delivery center in Ruskin | FOX 13 Tampa Bay Drone Delivery - Walmart.com](#)

What are the basic Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations on Commercial Drones ?

1. Drones weighing 0.55 lbs. or more must be registered with the FAA
2. Remote ID is required
3. Every part of a drone must be registered with the FAA
4. Operators must maintain visual line of sight at all times (unless special waiver to operate beyond visual line of site (BVLOS))
5. Operators must have a *Remote Pilot Certificate*
 - Minimum age of 16 and must pass an aeronautical knowledge exam
6. Operators must follow these FAA Flight Rules:
 - Operate during daylight hours
 - Do not operate over people, beyond line of sight, etc.
 - Maximum altitude 400 feet, Maximum speed 100 mph
 - No careless/ reckless operation
 - Prohibits drone operation that endangers people/ property in the National Airspace System (NAS)
 - NAS prohibits use within 3 miles and up to 3,000 feet altitude over critical infrastructure (power and water plants, military sites, etc.) and sporting events

Source: [Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) | Federal Aviation Administration](#)

What are the FAA Regulations on Recreational Drones?

1. Drones weighing 0.55 lbs. or more must be registered with FAA
2. Remote ID required for drones as regulated by the FAA

3. Operators must maintain visual line of sight (seen by the naked eye- corrective lenses allowed) at all times
4. Recreational flyers must pass the *TRUST Test* (aeronautical and safety test) and follow community guidelines

Source: [Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) | Federal Aviation Administration](#)

What are Florida Drone Laws ?

1. FL defines a drone as a “powered aerial vehicle” capable of autonomous or remote operation and can carry payloads
2. FL requires visible tail ID numbers, proof of registration, remote ID broadcasting, and local registration
3. FL law focuses on privacy, critical infrastructure protection, state level enforcement, and limits on local regulation
4. FL law limits local governments regulations of drones to specific purposes only (nuisance, voyeurism, etc.). The regulation of airspace above private property is the domain of the federal government
5. FL has introduced harsher penalties for misuse (potential felony charges)
6. FL law allows law enforcement to use drones for crowd monitoring and officials’ security
7. Shooting down a drone is illegal and equivalent to shooting at an aircraft under state and federal law

Source: [Statutes & Constitution :View Statutes : Online Sunshine](#)

What should I do if I am injured or incurred property damage by a drone?

If you are injured or have incurred property damage due to a drone, follow these steps to protect your interests and seek fair compensation:

1. Note company name or tail number of drone
2. Seek medical attention
3. Document the injury/ damage: Take photos and videos of the injury/ damage to support your claim.
4. Gather evidence: Collect documents that establish the cost of the injury or damaged property, such as medical bills paid, purchase receipts or credit card statements.
5. Notify authorities: File a police report if the incident involves a vehicle or a potential crime like vandalism.
6. Contact the drone operator: If the damage was caused by a drone, reach out to the operator to discuss the incident and seek compensation.

Source: <https://legalclarity.org>