

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Indianapolis City-County Council to Establish a Study Committee on the Use of Unregulated Drone Technology

WHEREAS, the use of drones in foreign countries has set a precedent for drone use in the United States, thereby dictating the need to protect privacy and constitutional rights of United States residents, including residents of the City of Indianapolis and Marion County

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of local government is to represent its citizens before Congress, the Legislature, and administrative agencies in matters over which the local government has no power

WHEREAS, as of February, 2013, the Federal Aviation Administration had issued 1,428 drone licenses, the majority granted to local and state law enforcement agencies, and estimates 30,000 drones will be in operation in the national airspace in less than 20 years

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies in the United States have begun to use drone aircraft without clear guidance from lawmakers

WHEREAS, the federal government and the State of Indiana have thus far failed to provide reasonable regulations on the use of drones in the United States and Indiana

WHEREAS, without federal, state and local regulations, drones present an unacceptable threat to public safety in the air and to persons and property on the ground in the City of Indianapolis and Marion County since less detectible than conventional aircraft

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF INDIANAPOLIS AND MARION COUNTY:

SECTION 1: That the foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference

SECTION 2: That the City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County establish a joint study committee to draft an ordinance to determine guidelines for the use of drones within Indianapolis and Marion County that will ensure public safety and protect civil liberties. The committee conducting this study shall consist of at least nine (9) persons but not more than eleven (11) and always be an odd number, to include: 2 City-County Councilors (1 Republican, 1 Democrat) who shall serve as Co-chairs; 1 representative each from the Governor's office or Indiana National Guard, The Department of Public Safety, the ACLU-Indiana, Near Eastside Community Organization (NESCO), Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND), the Community Drone Resolution Committee and an academic representing Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI). The committee shall decide its meeting schedule and will present their findings and recommendations for an ordinance within one year of this resolution being passed.

SECTION 3: That the City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County recommend a moratorium on the use of drones be put in place until the study committee has offered their findings to craft an ordinance.

SECTION 4: That the City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County support efforts in the Indiana General Assembly, and the United States Congress to enact legislation (1) prohibiting information obtained from the domestic use of drones from being introduced into a federal or state court without a proper warrant and (2) precluding the domestic use of drones equipped with anti-personnel devices (meaning any projectile, chemical, electrical, directed-energy), or other device designed to harm, incapacitate, or otherwise negatively impact a human being.

SECTION 5: Copies of this Resolution will be sent to Indiana Governor Mike Pence, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller, U.S. Senators Dan Coats and Joe Donnelly, U.S. Congress Representatives Andre Carson and Susan Brooks and the Indiana General Assembly.

SECTION 6: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.