Drone/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Guidelines and Requirements

- Plot map or flight plan
- COI specifically for drone
- A fire marshal may be required
- The UAS must weigh less than 55 pounds
- All operations must utilize a visual observer
- Aircraft must be inspected before each flight
- Operator’s name and proof of a pilot’s license
- The UAS may not be flown at a speed exceeding 50 knots
- The UAS must be kept within the line of sight of the pilot at all times
- Flights must be operated at an altitude of no more than 400 feet above ground level
- The operator must ensure that no persons are allowed within 500 feet of the area, except those consenting to be involved and necessary for the film production. This provision may be reduced to no less than 200 feet if it would not adversely affect safety

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