



City of Perth

## Drone and Filming Guidelines

**Prior to operating a drone or carrying out any filming we recommend you read the following guidelines to ascertain if a permit is required from the City of Perth.**

### **Drones within the City of Perth**

You may ask why you may need a Road and Footpath Obstruction Permit for drone activity?

Any drone take-off and landing activity will require a safe site that includes a cone marked hi-vis circle landing pad. Primarily, the permit is to highlight safety requirements for both the public and yourself.

The city supports the use of drones however their use is subject to approval.

### **Requirements**

- the drone operator must hold a current Remote Pilot License (RePL)
- the operator adheres to the standard safety rules as defined by [CASA](#), including, but not limited to
  - the drone must be operated within the line of sight by the licensed pilot
  - the operator can only operate one drone at a time
  - the drone cannot fly higher than 120m (400ft) above ground level
  - cannot fly closer than 30m to anyone not directly connected with operating the drone
  - cannot operate over an area where police, fire, or other safety or emergency operation is being conducted
- depending on flight path and launch site the drone operator may require the permission of the [Dept Parks and Wildlife](#) if intending to fly over the Swan River, or the [Development WA](#) if launching from Elizabeth Quay area
- the city supports the following primary launch sites: subject to availability and approval
  - Ozone Reserve
  - Langle Park
- all other City locations may be considered and approval granted if the location is deemed appropriate.

### **Road and Footpath Permit Process for Drones**

To obtain a permit for operating a drone the applicant should meet the requirements within this document as well as the requirements contained within the Obstruction Application:

- complete and submit the online [Road and Footpath Obstruction Permit Application](#)
  - the minimum period required for processing applications is five business days

- Remote Pilot License (RePL)
- Public Liability Insurance for Commercial operators
- Risk Management Plan
- Pedestrian Management Plan
- Stakeholder Notification may be requested depending on location
- CASA UAV Operators Certificate (UOC)

### **Filming within the City of Perth**

You may ask why you may need a Road and Footpath Obstruction Permit for Filming activity?

- the permit is to highlight safety for both the public and yourself
- if filming requires a cast and crew of more than four people then you will be required to submit an Obstruction Permit
- regardless of cast and crew size, if you will be obstructing a whole footpath and/or road you will be required to submit an Obstruction Permit
- if filming is in a stationary location you will require; “Filming in Progress” signage to be placed at each end of the film crew location
- where filming is taking place on private property permission must be obtained from the property owner
- please also note that the above information may not be inclusive, and that the City of Perth reserves the final right to amend the above information at any time.

### **Road and Footpath Permit Process for Filming**

Once you have ascertained you need to apply for a permit please refer to the following:

- complete and submit the online [Road and Footpath Obstruction Permit Application](#);
  - The minimum period required for processing applications is five business days
- supply a filming schedule with work site layout
- a PMP (Pedestrian Management Plan) which how you are intending to maintain clear, safe passage for pedestrians
- A TMP (Traffic Management Plan) if you are planning partial or full road closure how will you manage the traffic flow.

### **Additional Information**

In addition to the City of Perth Drone and RPA Guidelines we recommend you review the following documents:

[City of Perth Local Laws and Policies](#) then select the [Local Government Property Local Law 2005 Determinations](#).

Should you require further information our office can be contacted on 9461 3333.