NO DRONE ZONE WITHOUT PERMIT

*CalTIP is a confidential secret witness program that encourages the public to provide Fish and Wildlife with factual information leading to the arrest of poachers and polluters.
We would like to share our drone related ordinance with you. The aim of this ordinance is to avoid disturbing wildlife, guests, and residents. The majority of our city is located within a five nautical mile radius of the Monterey Regional Airport. This means anyone who would like to fly a drone in the city of Pacific Grove would need to get permission from the airport tower (three days in advance) as well as a permit from the City Manager or their designee.

Welcome to the City of Pacific Grove!

MUNICIPAL CODE
Pacific Grove Municipal Code 11.72.010
Launch or Landing
It is unlawful for any person to launch or land an aircraft, including a helicopter, drone, or other unmanned aircraft without a permit.

11.72.020 Exceptions
This Chapter shall not apply if the following exceptions exist:
(1) A permit is issued by the City Manager, or their designee;
(2) The landing of an emergency aircraft is authorized by the Chief of Police, or their designee.

WILDLIFE IN PACIFIC GROVE
Pacific Grove is full of amazing wildlife. Harbor Seals, Black Oystercatchers, Sea Otters, and Monarch Butterflies call Pacific Grove home. Animals may NOT be disturbed as this may interfere with their behavior.

PACIFIC GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 14.04 & 11.48
These two chapters outline what is considered harassment of some animals local to Pacific Grove. Although not all animals local to Pacific Grove are listed in our city ordinance, California Code of Regulations TITLE 14, § 251.1 forbids the harassing of animals. It defines harassing as an intentional act which disrupts an animal’s normal behavior pattern.

These rules were put in place to help keep our shorebirds, seabirds, and marine animals undisturbed, as well as for the safety, and privacy of our residents and guests. Thank you for your assistance.

GETTING A PERMIT
To apply for a permit, please look to our forms section at: CityofPacificGrove.org/police

REMINdERS
• As of December 12th, 2017 all drones (commercial and hobby) must be registered with the FAA.
• Commercial Pilots must have their FAA License
• Approved flights must not interfere with neighbor’s privacy.
• Approved flights must follow FAA restrictions within the five mile radius which include:
  • Drones may not fly over people’s head
  • Drones may not fly over 400 feet in the air
  • Drones may not interfere with emergency scenes
  • Pilots must maintain line-of-sight with aircraft
  • Drones must not interfere with manned aircraft