



Bonita National Golf & Country Club

Drone Use Policy

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the safe and responsible use of drones within the Bonita National Golf & Country Club community in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and Florida laws, to protect the privacy and safety of residents.

Scope:

This policy applies to all residents, guests, and visitors who operate drones within the boundaries of the Bonita National community.

Policy Statement:

Florida law has put in place regulations surrounding the use of drones for both commercial and private purposes. Drones that are equipped with cameras cannot film people, their property, or their visitors without consent. All members who live in the community and their guests have a reasonable right of privacy.

These regulations pertain to private and recreational drone usage. Some of the companies that operate in our community may need drones to conduct their business. These may include law enforcement agencies, utility companies, roofing companies, painting companies, real-estate, and insurance agencies.

The Bonita National Homeowners Association protects the rights of all members of our community and prohibits anyone from spying on a neighbor, flying a drone too close to an area creating unwanted noise or disturbance, and holding the operator responsible for all damages caused by a drone.

The Federal Aviation Administration (or FAA) rules that govern the use of drones include:

- All privately owned drones must be registered.
- Each drone must display its registration number in a way that complies with FAA regulations.
- Drones must stay at or below 400 feet at all times.
- Drones must remain in sight of the drone operator at all times.

- Drones may not be used near airports, aircraft, emergency scenes or activities, stadiums, sporting events, or large groups of people.

Drone Rules & Regulations for Bonita National HOA:

- Before flying a drone in our community, the owner must receive written permission [from](#) the management company's Community Associate Manager (CAM).
- Drones must be operated in a safe manner at all times, maintaining a safe distance from people, buildings, and property.
- The use of a drone must occur during daylight hours.
- Do not operate drones during adverse weather conditions, such as high winds, rain, or storms.
- Respect the privacy of residents and avoid flying drones in areas where individuals may have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as backyards or balconies.
- Refrain from using drones to capture images or recordings of individuals without their consent.
- Drones are prohibited from flying near emergency response activities, including but not limited to firefighting efforts, law enforcement operations, and medical emergencies.
- Avoid flying drones near wildlife habitats, nesting areas, or protected natural areas within the community.
- Drones can only be used for the intended request and approval of the CAM.
- Damage done by a drone is the financial responsibility of the drone owner. If a drone does damage, the registration number will be track to the owner.
- **Penalties for Non-compliance:** Violations may include fines, suspensions, loss of drone privileges, or legal action in extreme cases.

Drones are to be used responsibly within our community. By adhering to the rules and guidelines established by the HOA, you ensure the safety and privacy of everyone in your community. Remember, responsible drone usage not only benefits you but also contributes to a more harmonious living environment within our community.