

**COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE;**

1. Communication from the Police Chief in relation to a prohibition on the launching, landing and operating of drones at and during the City's New Year's Eve Spectacular Event to be held on December 31, 2015.
2. Ordinance of the City of White Plains relating to the prohibition of the launching, landing and operation of drones at and during the City's New Year's Eve Spectacular Event to be held on December 31, 2015.



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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WHITE PLAINS

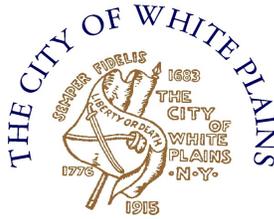
Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Unmanned aircraft systems (popularly known as drones) have become increasingly available to private citizens for personal and recreation uses due to their decline in cost. Drones can fly at altitudes below the navigable airspace (generally at 400 feet) which is not within the jurisdiction, regulation and control and control of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). As such, there is a very real public safety concern when it comes to the use of drones during large public events over public streets.

The City of White Plains will be conducting a New Year's Eve Spectacular event on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. through 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2016, featuring music, entertainment and fireworks, on Mamaroneck Avenue from Main Street to Martine Avenue; Main Street from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to North Broadway; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from Quarropas Street to Main Street; Court Street from Martine Avenue to Main Street, and Martine Avenue from Mamaroneck Avenue to South Lexington Avenue. Over ten thousand people are expected to attend and participate in the event.

The use of drones could result in a ground impact accident resulting in collateral injury and/or damage to innocent bystanders and property. This Department recommends that the launching, landing and operation of drones during the New Year's event be banned as such drones could pose a serious threat to the life and property of the public.

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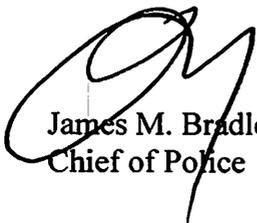
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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS.

Accordingly, attached for your consideration is legislation prohibiting launching, landing and operation of drones during the New Year's event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Bradley', written over the printed name.

James M. Bradley
Chief of Police

Dated: December 21, 2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE PLANES RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE LAUNCHING, LANDING AND OPERATION OF DRONES AT AND DURING THE CITY'S NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECTACULAR EVENT TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 31, 2015.

WHEREAS, drones, which are unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) that can fly under the control of a remote pilot or via a geographical positions system (GPS) guided autopilot mechanism, have become increasingly available to private citizens for personal and recreational uses due to their decline in cost; and

WHEREAS, drones can fly at altitudes below the navigable airspace (generally at 400 feet) which is not within the jurisdiction, regulation and control of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); and

WHEREAS, there is a very real public safety concern when it comes to the use of drones during large public events over public streets,, as such use could result in a ground impact accident resulting in collateral damage to innocent bystanders and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of White Plains will be conducting a New Year's Eve Spectacular event on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. through 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2016, featuring music, entertainment and fireworks, on Mamaroneck Avenue from Main Street to Martine Avenue; Main Street from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to North Broadway; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from Quarropas Street to Main Street; Court Street from Martine

Avenue to Main Street; and Martine Avenue from Mamaroneck Avenue to South Lexington Avenue;
and

WHEREAS, over ten thousand people are expected to attend and participate in this
event; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has recommended that the launching,
landing and operation of drones during the New Year's event could pose a serious threat to the life
or property of the public, as the impact of the unmanned aircraft system could result in serious
physical injury or death to the innocent bystanders on the ground as well as substantial damage to
property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of White Plains hereby
ordains and enacts as follows:

Section 1. The launching, landing and operation of drones during the New Year's
Eve Spectacular event on December 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. through 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2016,
on Mamaroneck Avenue from Main Street to Marine Avenue; Main Street from Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Boulevard to North Broadway; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from Quarropas
Street to Main Street; Court Street from Martine Avenue to Main Street; and Martine Avenue from
Mamaroneck Avenue to South Lexington Avenue shall be prohibited.

Section 2. This Section shall not apply to authorized public safety agencies or operators having obtained approval from the City of White Plains Department of Public Safety or from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Section 3. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of \$500.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.