

SEA COAST GARDENTS II ASSOCIATION (“SCGII”) DRONE POLICY

In years gone by drones were used strictly in the military and commercial situations. However, with the technology advances and the reduction in price points in recent years, drones are now readily available at both the prosumer and consumer levels in a vast variety of models. Even the drones at these levels are now high speed machines capable of complex, flexible and quick aerobatic maneuvers. They have become such a potential safety hazard, that the FAA has instituted regulations governing their use. In Addition, most drones today carry one or more cameras capable of transmitting high resolution pictures back to the operator.

Drone use has increased along the beach where the use presents two distinct issues. The first is sheer safety with regards to the injury or damage a drone might cause on impact with either a person or property. The other issue is the potential invasion of privacy with the on-board cameras. In each case, the appropriateness and adeptness at which a drone moves is directly linked to the skill and judgement of the operator.

The reasonable right to privacy in one’s own dwelling is fundamental. Property rights are made up of several types, including air rights. Owners are afforded both as citizens and stakeholders in the Association. As such, the owners and guests at Seacoast Gardens rightfully expect a reasonable amount of privacy, especially within the upper floors and free from the fear of collision with a drone flying about.

Recognizing these two issues of safety and privacy need to be addressed, the Sea Coast Gardens II Board of Directors (“SCGIIBOD”) hereby adopts this policy. Except where this policy conflicts with Local, State and/or Federal law or ordinances regarding drones, this policy shall govern.

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1. Drones may not be flown anywhere on or over SCGII property in total, regardless of circumstances. Drone usage shall be restricted to the public beach areas around the Sea Coast Gardens II.
 2. Drones being operated on SCG II property shall be reported to the proper law enforcement or held at the Property Management office for pick up by its owner, as dictated by law enforcement. If such owner is also an owner of a condo unit, such owner shall be subject to Association action pursuant to the nuisance clauses in the SCG II covenants.
 3. SCGIIBOD shall actively engage in, as well as, encourage, and support the full prosecution of any drone owner and any drone operator operating any drone on SCG II property, regardless of whether such person or persons are owners of any condo unit in SCG II, and regardless of circumstances, under whatever laws and/or ordinances available to SCGBOD

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