

ERIE-WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA PORT AUTHORITY
DRONE USE POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority (the “Port Authority”) was created by the Third Class City Port Authority Act (the “Act”) for purposes including maintenance and operation of port facilities and equipment. Section 3(b) of the Act grants the Port Authority “all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of [its] purposes,” including the power to determine what services shall be available to the public and the power to do all things necessary for the promotion of the Port Authority’s business and general welfare. Section 10 of the Act grants the Port Authority power to adopt rules and regulations regarding the use of its facilities.

The Port Authority is committed to ensuring the safety, security, and comfort of all individuals who utilize Port Authority property. The Board of Directors of the Port Authority (the “Board”) have determined that unrestricted use of Port Authority property for the purpose of launching, landing or operating unmanned aircraft systems, commonly referred to as “drones,” is detrimental to these objectives.

To that end, this Policy has been developed to regulate land owned by the Port Authority and prohibit the launching, landing, or operating of drones.

2. POLICY

No person may use land owned by the Port Authority for launching, landing or operating a drone remotely.

3. SCOPE

This Policy does not provide general regulation of drone usage, nor does it alter in any way the regulations promulgated by the Federal Aviation Administration or any other agency of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This Policy regulates the actions of human drone operators while they are located on Port Authority property, regardless of the actual or intended location of the drone while in the air.

This Policy does not limit the Port Authority’s ability to make criminal reports or complaints regarding violations of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3505, regardless of the operator’s location.

4. ENFORCEMENT

Any person found on Port Authority land while operating a drone, regardless of the actual or intended location of the drone while in the air, will be subject to immediate removal from Port Authority lands.

Repeated violations of this policy may, in the sole discretion of the Board, result in the violator being excluded from all use of Port Authority land and being issued a criminal trespass warning.