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**27-R-13**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the City of Evanston to Establish a Moratorium on the Use of Unregulated Drone Technology**

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of drone (unmanned aerial system) technology in the United States implicates the privacy and constitutional rights of United States residents, including the residents of Evanston, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government and the State of Illinois have yet to enact reasonable regulation on the use of drones within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, police departments in the United States have begun to deploy drone technology absent any regulation on the appropriate use of such technology, although the Evanston Police Department has not.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** That the foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2:** The City of Evanston establishes a moratorium on the use of drones in the City of Evanston in the absence of reasonable state and federal regulation of the use of drone technology which will expire without further action by the City Council two years from the date of this resolution; with the following exemptions:

- 1) for Hobby and Model Aircraft, defined as an unmanned aircraft that is—
  - a) capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere;

- b) flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft; and
  - c) flown for hobby or recreational purposes; and
- 2) the Research and Development of "Experimental Aircraft" for non-Department of Defense contracts.

**SECTION 3:** The City of Evanston establishes a moratorium on the use of drones in the City of Evanston in the absence of reasonable state and federal regulation of the use of drone technology; and

**SECTION 4:** The City of Evanston supports efforts in the Illinois General Assembly, the Illinois Senate, and the United States Congress to enact legislation (1) prohibiting information obtained from the domestic use of drones from being introduced into a federal or state court, and (2) precluding the domestic use of drones equipped with anti-personnel devices (meaning any projectile, chemical, electrical, directed-energy), or other device designed to harm, incapacitate, or otherwise negatively impact a human being.

**SECTION 5:** The City of Evanston jointly resolves, with the Associated Student Government ("ASG") of Northwestern University, as evidenced by the attached resolution of the ASG (Exhibit 1), to provide that the moratorium on drone use extends to all areas of Northwestern University.

**SECTION 6:** Copies of this Resolution will be sent to Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk, U.S. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Illinois State Senators Daniel Biss and Heather Steans, and Illinois State Representatives Robyn Gabel, Kelly Cassidy and Laura Fine.

**SECTION 7:** This resolution 27-R-13 shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

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Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

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Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: May 28, 2013

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON UNREGULATED DRONE TECHNOLOGY  
BY EVANSTON CITY COUNCIL  
AND NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED, that the City Council of Evanston, Illinois, and the Associated Student Government of Northwestern University, hereby:

Establish a moratorium on the use of drones in the City of Evanston in the absence of reasonable state and federal regulation of the use of drone technology; and

Support efforts in the Illinois General Assembly, the Illinois Senate, and the United States Congress to enact legislation (1) prohibiting information obtained from the domestic use of drones from being introduced into a federal or state court, and (2) precluding the domestic use of drones equipped with anti-personnel devices (meaning any projectile, chemical, electrical, directed-energy), or other device designed to harm, incapacitate, or otherwise negatively impact a human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution will be sent to Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk, U.S. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Illinois State Senators Daniel Biss and Heather Steans, and Illinois State Representatives Robyn Gabel and Kelly Cassidy.