

# Filming and Drone Guidelines

**Prior to operating a drone or carrying out any filming we recommend you read the following guidelines to ascertain if a permit is required from the City of Perth.**

## Drones within the City of Perth

You may ask why you may need a Filming and Drone Permit for drone activity?

Any drone take-off and landing activity will require a safe site that includes a cone marked hi-vis circle landing pad. Primarily, the permit is to highlight safety requirements for both the public and yourself. The city supports the use of drones, however their use is subject to approval.

## Requirements

- The drone operator must hold a current Remote Pilot License (RePL).
- The operator adheres to the standard safety rules as defined by CASA, including, but not limited to:
  - the drone must be operated within the line of sight by the licensed pilot.
  - the operator can only operate one drone at a time.
  - the drone cannot fly higher than 120m (400ft) above ground level.
  - cannot fly closer than 30m to anyone not directly connected with operating the drone.
  - cannot operate over an area where police, fire, or other safety or emergency operation is being conducted.
- Depending on flight path and launch site the drone operator may require the permission of the [Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction](#) if intending to fly over the Derbarl Yerrigan / Swan River, or the Development WA [DevelopmentWA](#) if launching from Elizabeth Quay area.

## Permit Process for Drones

To obtain a permit for operating a drone the applicant should meet the requirements within this document as well as the requirements outlined on the Obstruction Permit page:

- Complete and submit the online Filming and Drone Application.
  - the minimum period required for processing applications is five business days.
- Documents you will be required to attach to your application:
  - Remote Pilot License (RePL).
  - CASA UAV Operators Certificate (UOC).
  - Public Liability Insurance for Commercial operators to the minimum sum of \$10.
  - Map of exclusion zone for launch and landing of drone showing minimum 30m clearance.
- Additional documents that may be required:
  - Risk Management Plan.
  - Pedestrian Management Plan.
  - Stakeholder Notification may be requested, depending on location.

## Filming within the City of Perth

You may ask why you may need a Filming and Drone Permit for Filming activity?

- The permit is to highlight safety for both the public and yourself.
- If filming requires a cast and crew of more than four people then you will be required to submit an Obstruction Permit.
- Regardless of cast and crew size, if you will be obstructing a whole footpath and/or road you will be required to submit an Obstruction Permit. Please see below for additional documents required.
- If filming is in a stationary location you will require; “Filming in Progress” signage to be placed at each end of the film crew location.
- Please also note that the above information may not be inclusive, and that the City of Perth reserves the final right to amend the above information at any time.

## Permit Process for Filming

Once you have ascertained you need to apply for a permit please refer to the following:

- Complete and submit the online Filming and Drone Permit Application.
  - The minimum period required for processing applications is five business days.
- Documents you will be required to attach to your application:
  - A filming schedule with work site layout.
  - Public Liability Insurance for Commercial operators to the minimum sum of \$10.
- Additional documents that may be required:
  - A PMP (Pedestrian Management Plan) which shows how you are intending to maintain clear, safe passage for pedestrians.
  - A TMP (Traffic Management Plan) if you are planning partial or full road closure.

## Additional Information

Where filming/drone use is taking place on private property permission must be obtained from the property owner.

In addition to the City of Perth Drone and RPA Guidelines we recommend you review the following documents:

[City of Perth Local Laws and Policies](#) then select the [Local Government Property Local Law 2005 Determinations](#).

Should you require further information our office can be contacted on (08) 9461 3333 or [obstruction.permits@cityofperth.wa.gov.au](mailto:obstruction.permits@cityofperth.wa.gov.au)