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TN ST § 39-13-901

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TN ST § 70-4-301

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1720-01-02-.02

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TN ST § 39-13-901 Part Definitions

As used in this part:

- (1) "Image" means any capturing of sound waves, thermal, infrared, ultraviolet, visible light, or other electromagnetic waves, odor, or other conditions existing on or about real property in this state or an individual located on that property; and
- (2) "Unmanned aircraft" means an airborne device that is operated without an individual in or on the device.

TN ST § 39-13-906 Application of Part

This part shall not apply to the manufacture, assembly, distribution, or sale of an unmanned aircraft.

TN ST § 39-13-907 Construction of Part

Nothing in this part shall be construed as permitting any act prohibited by other law.

TN ST § 70-4-301 Definitions

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Drone" means a drone as defined in § 39-13-609;
- (2) "Taking" means the capture or killing of a wild animal and includes travel, camping, and other acts preparatory to taking that occur on lands or waters upon which the affected person has the right or privilege to take such wild animal; and



(3) “Wild animal” means any wild creature, the taking of which is authorized by the fish and game laws of the state.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1720-01-02-.02 Definitions

(1) The term “University property” means all land, grounds, structures, and any other physical property owned, controlled, or operated by the University of Tennessee.

(2) The term “University unit” means any academic, administrative, or auxiliary department or division of the University or any other official entity of the University, functioning through University employees acting within the scope of their University employment.

(3) The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or is intended to be used for flight in the air without an individual in or on the device (e.g., drone, model aircraft).

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1720-01-02-.06 Use of Unmanned Aircraft

(1) The purpose of the restrictions in this Section .06 is to ensure the safe and orderly use of unmanned aircraft on, at, inside, or above University property.

(2) Unmanned aircraft shall not be used:

(a) By a person who is not authorized to use University property under Section .03;

(b) At a time, in a place, or in a manner prohibited under Section .03;

(c) Inside University buildings or facilities;

(d) On or above University-owned streets or University-owned sidewalks;

(e) Above a human being who is either not directly participating in the operation of the unmanned aircraft or not located under a covered structure that can provide reasonable protection from a falling unmanned aircraft;

(f) On or above a University campus within four hours prior to the scheduled kickoff time of an intercollegiate football game on that campus, during the game, or within two hours after the conclusion of the game;

(g) Outside the hours of official sunrise and sunset; or

(h) In a manner that violates federal or state law, including, without limitation, regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(3) This Section .06 does not apply to unmanned aircraft used by a University unit, including faculty conducting research using unmanned aircraft, or a person or entity with whom the University has contracted to operate an unmanned aircraft; provided, however, that unmanned aircraft shall be used in accordance with federal and state law, including, without limitation, regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

