



Wellspring Estates HOA,

It was great to see the strong attendance at the Annual Meeting. The meeting presentation and minutes have been posted on the community website for those who were unable to attend.

I would like to clarify the laws surrounding drone use. The FAA regulates drone operations within the US airspace and allows drones to fly 400 feet above ground level and do not specify a minimum altitude. Drones are considered aircraft, which means they are protected under both state and federal laws. Intentional damage to a drone is **illegal**.

Most concerns related to drones involve privacy- specifically flying to close or hovering over private property. In Texas, privacy laws would apply if a drone were being used to film or conduct surveillance of private property.

I have recently learned that drones are rapidly growing into a multi-billion-dollar industry and will continue to expand. I would expect any drone operator would be mindful of neighbors' privacy. In most cases, drones observed in the community are likely to be used for legitimate business purposes such as roof inspections, plat mapping, or pharmacy deliveries. Additionally, companies such as Amazon and DoorDash are expanding drone deliveries in North Texas.

Drone use will continue to grow, and it is reasonable to expect that drones will be seen more frequently as technologies expand.

Thanks again for your attention and attendance at the Annual Meeting. The QR code below will link you to the community website.

Sincerely,

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