

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Historic Sites Division Drone Policy and Authorization

The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones is carefully managed within the Historic Sites of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to ensure the safety of the site's natural and cultural assets, as well as the safety, peace and privacy of our sites' visitors.

Visitors wishing to fly their drone at a THC Historic Site may do so with prior authorization by the Site Manager using this form. Authorization must be obtained **before** flying your drone and is granted on a site-by-site basis for the specific dates identified on the form at the discretion of the Site Manager. The authorization may be revoked at any time by the Site Manager.

By signing this form, you hereby request permission to fly a UAS or drone at _____
State Historic Site on the following date(s): _____, and will comply with the following:

- Pay daily site admission fees as applicable prior to flying your drone.
- Submit proof of current registration with the Federal Aviation Administration if your UAS weighs over 0.55lbs. (250 grams).
- Observe all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines concerning the use of UAS (drones), including, but not limited to:
 - Fly at or below 400 feet.
 - Keep your UAS (drone) within sight.
 - Never fly near other aircraft or within five miles of an airport.
 - Never fly over or close to other visitors or groups of people.
 - Never fly near busy roadways, schools, churches, stadiums or sporting events.
 - Never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires.
 - Never fly under the influence of alcohol or drugs that may impair your ability to fly safely.
 - Be aware of airspace requirements for your UAS (drone).
- Stay within the "flight zone" for the site as described below: _____

By signing this form, I hereby certify that I currently maintain an insurance policy for claims of personal injury or property damage that may result from my operation of the UAS. Together with this authorization request, I have submitted a current certificate of insurance or proof of insurance otherwise acceptable to THC and agree that this insurance policy shall be maintained for the duration of the dates requested for the operation of the UAS.

I agree to release the Texas Historical Commission from any and all liability and hereby waive any and all rights, claims, or causes of action arising out of, or resulting from my operation of the UAS (drone) at the above-mentioned THC Historic Site, including specifically but not limited to injury or damage to myself or my personal property. I agree to assume all liability for any property damage or personal injuries, arising out of, or resulting from any of my acts or omissions as a result of operating my UAS (drone). I agree to indemnify and hold harmless THC, its officers, agents, employees and contractors from any and all liability, claims, demands, or suits arising out of, or resulting from any of my acts or omissions as a result of operating my UAS (drone).

Authorization

Drone Owner Name:

Printed _____

Signed _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

THC Site Manager:

Printed Name _____

Signed _____

Title _____