



NORWOOD, OHIO

Resolution No. 23 2024

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OHIO DRONE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS PILOT PROGRAM AND APPROVING A LETTER FROM THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR IN SUPPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS), or drones, have the potential to revolutionize the capabilities of first responders throughout Ohio, and

WHEREAS, first responders are currently limited how they can use UAS by federal laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, drones can provide a quick clear perspective of an emergency scene enabling response to be more efficient and effective, and

WHEREAS, drones can improve the safety of emergency responders and the general public with information to better respond and control an emergency scene, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has recently invested in building infrastructure for a statewide drone management system and is considering a first-in-the-nation Drones for First Responders Pilot Program, and

WHEREAS, the deadline for funding is fast approaching,


NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Norwood Ohio,

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Norwood supports the implementation of the Drones for First Responders Pilot Program.

SECTION 2. A Letter in Support of the program from the Safety-Service Director similar to the one attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is hereby approved by Council.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the City of Norwood. The reason for the emergency is to communicate Norwood's support for the program before the funding decision is made.

PASSED 7/9/2024
Date



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

ATTEST:

Natalie Assaf, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the 9 day of July, 2024, in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing ordinance was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the 9 day of July, 2024.

N. Assaf
Natalie Assaf
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 9 July 24
Date

Victor Schneider
Victor Schneider
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

Natalie Assaf, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer on 7/23/2024 and 7/30/2024
(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)

N. Assaf
Natalie Assaf
Clerk of Council

1st Reading _____
Date

2nd Reading _____
Date

3rd Reading _____
Date

All 3 Readings 7/9/24
Date

Tabled _____
Date

Vetoed _____
Date

June 24, 2024

[NAME].
[TITLE]
[MUNICIPALITY / COUNTY]
[ADDRESS]
[EMAIL]
[PHONE]

Re: Letter of Support for the Ohio Drone for First Responders (DFR) Pilot Program

Dear Ohio Legislators,

The purpose of this letter is to indicate The City of Norwood's support for a statewide pilot program for the adoption and evaluation of Drone's for First Responders (DFR). Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones have the potential to revolutionize first responder capabilities by enabling on-demand and timely situational awareness for their response missions. Although first responders currently leverage drones for their missions, we are currently limited to line-of-sight operations under current FAA guidelines. This proposed pilot program will enable us to greatly enhance our drone capabilities by enabling beyond visual-line-of-sight operations in support of our various first responder missions.

The State of Ohio has recently invested in building out digital infrastructure throughout the state to enable the scaled utilization of drone technologies for both commercial and public agency utilization. This pilot program would be a first of its kind in the country to stand-up a statewide DFR program for beyond visual-line-of-sight operations. It is estimated the UAS/Drone ecosystems will contribute approximately \$13B to Ohio's economy over the next 25 years. Additionally, Ohio is the first to deploy a statewide drone management system anywhere in the country. This statewide DFR program will be a key step in validating this digital drone management system and pave the way for future commercial utilization of this technology, at the same time providing a critical new capability for our first responder community.

The City of Norwood is pleased to endorse this initiative and encourage the Ohio legislature to back this initiative to continue Ohio's role as an innovative leader in the aviation space.

Sincerely,

[NAME].
[TITLE]
[MUNICIPALITY / COUNTY]





City of Norwood Request for Ordinance, Resolution, Amendment, or Repeal

Date of Request:7/1/2024		Date Needed: 7/9/2024
Request(s) should be submitted by the Wednesday, at noon, before date needed for Council, earlier if possible.		
Requested By:	Noah Powers, Assistant Fire Chief Brodie Cianciolo	
Contact:	Ssd@norwoodohio.gov , bcianciolo@norwoodohio.gov	
Document Requested:	Resolution	
Executive Summary of document needed:		
If an amendment or repeal request, list existing Ordinance Number(s)/Section(s) of Ordinance to be amended or repealed, etc. (or attach documents and/or copies as appropriate		
Requesting City Councils approval/ support of SSD Powers to sign a letter of support for a statewide Drone for First Responders (DFR) pilot program. A sample letter is attached.		
Action Requested:	Emergency - Three Readings at One Meeting with Immediate Effectivity	
If Emergency clause or suspension of rules for all three readings is needed, explain:		
This is a time sensitive request. Sean Calhoun of CAL Analytics is helping to secure funding for this program and he has requested that these letters of support be submitted in early July.		
Special Notes/Instructions		