Purpose: To inform the aviation community of the Village of Hamilton's policy for the safe use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) - also known as Drones -both on Village property and within the five (5) mile radius of FAA controlled airspace of the Village of Hamilton Municipal Airport.

The use of UAS has become a very popular recreational activity. The FAA recognizes that the use of UAS is a concerning issue; from the FAA website:
"Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) are inherently different from manned aircraft. Introducing UAS into the nation's airspace is challenging for both the FAA and aviation community, because the U.S. has the busiest, most complex airspace in the world. The FAA is taking an incremental approach to safe UAS integration."

There are three different types of UAS:
Public Operations (Governmental)
Civil Operations (Non-Governmental)
Model Aircraft (Hobby or Recreation *only*)

The FAA has jurisdiction over all airspace and the aircraft that operate within it. They have developed specific rules for the use of UAS in this public airspace. It is highly recommended, as a UAS operator, that you take time to read all of the FAA rules and regulations for their safe use. The following websites contain all of the regulations and protocols set by the FAA:

- www.faa.gov/uas/
- http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/
- http://www.aopa.org/Pilot-Resources/Aircraft-Ownership/Drones/UAS

The Village of Hamilton is unique among many communities that we own and operate an airport. Safety of all manned aircraft is of upmost importance to the Village. It is with this in mind that a policy has been developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees for the use of UAS within the Village limits and the 5 mile radius of FAA controlled airspace around the airport.

The Village of Hamilton UAS (Drone) Policy

- **All FAA rules must be strictly adhered to for your type of drone**
- **Your Drone must be registered with the FAA – you must have the paperwork with you at all times during operation.**
- **Drone operation is strictly prohibited from all public Village property. This includes Airport/Airpark, DPW property, Municipal Utility property and all trail and parks including but not limited to Eaton Street, Village Green and Triangle Park.**
- **To operate your drone from private property within the five (5) mile radius of the airport (please check the map for your location) http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/air-space-map/; the FAA requires that you notify the airport and inform them of your flight times, location and altitude.**
- **The Village has prepared a form that will be kept on file at the airport. Your flight information will be recorded and pilots will be notified of your activity. This call must be made to airport personnel, 24 hours prior to your flight, during normal airport operating hours, daily 9a.m.-5p.m. A message DOES NOT constitute notification.**
- **Airport personnel will evaluate your location and determine if you must contact the airport each time you fly. If your flight site is located in an area that will offer little impact to the airport runway approaches, you may be offered a blanket notification period for that particular location. Always call if there is a question or you change locations.**
- **Airport contact information: 315-824-6681**