

# **Drone Ban Ordinance for your community**

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Drones and more drones. They are coming to a town near you, soon.

**Background:** As President Obama rapidly escalates the use of hunter-killer drones overseas , drone use here in the U.S. is also expected to grow. The Department of Homeland Security and even local police departments are now using drones for domestic surveillance. In February, President Obama signed a law requiring the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to write rules opening U.S. airspace to "unmanned aerial vehicles." Some police departments are even exploring the option of using armed drones in U.S. cities.

## **Drone Use Takes Off on the Home Front**

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304331204577354331959335276.html>

## **Drones to soar over US and Canada sooner than thought?**

<http://rt.com/usa/news/us-canada-drones-police-777/>

**Take Action:** Local governments have the power to restrict drone use within city limits .

One of the projects drone protest groups are beginning to take on is work on a drone ban ordinance for their local towns, villages, cities, counties, and states.

Veterans for Peace is in a very good position to assist in this because of the number of chapters and members we have located across the country.

Here is a sample ordinance that can be tailored to your specific area:

<http://warisacrime.org/content/sample-anti-drone-ordinance-your-city>

Introducing this ordinance to a governing body can be eased by working with other like-minded groups, and individuals from the community that understand the implications on our freedom and privacy, and the safety aspects of using drones, including crashes which can result in injuries, property damage, and deaths, and presenting the ordinance as a group to town meetings, or via petitions and introduction.

In addition, to assist in passage of the ordinance, it will be most effective to solicit people from the general aviation community, who already understand the safety implications of these UAVs invading their airspace, especially considering a lot of the smaller manned planes used by the GAC do not have radar and so forth.

Read the sample ordinance for additional talking points.

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If any of you would like to assist with work on the drone issue, please sign up for the drone working group at <http://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/join-a-working-group/> and select DRONES

This fight against drone use is in its infancy, so we can use all the help we can get.

Veterans for Peace is working closely with CodePink and a number of other groups domestically and internationally. Please join us.