

**RULES  
OF  
AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY**

**CHAPTER 0240-05-07  
USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)**

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**0240-05-07-.01 SCOPE.**

- (1) This rule applies to all Austin Peay State University operations within the U.S. and where the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has authority. This includes, but is not limited to: faculty, staff, students, volunteers, clubs, and similar organizations and individuals who are operating or planning to operate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS—also commonly referred to as drones) as part of their university employment or as part of any university-related research or activity.
- (2) This rule also applies to any third party or hobbyist that may operate a drone on or over university facilities with approval from the Public Relations and Marketing office. All persons operating UAS on, over, or near university facilities are responsible for complying with FAA, federal, state, and local regulations as well as applicable university policies, including this rule, at all times.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 49-8-203(a). **Administrative History:** New rules filed July 28, 2022; effective October 26, 2022.

**0240-05-07-.02 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) Drones: An unmanned aircraft and its associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to safely and efficiently fly in the national airspace system weighing less than fifty-five (55) pounds.
- (2) FAA: Federal Aviation Administration
- (3) University Facilities: As used in these regulations, the term “University Facility” or “University Facilities” means any building or structure or any improved or unimproved land, or any part of any such building, structure, or land, which is owned, used, leased, controlled, or occupied by Austin Peay State University.
- (4) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS): Any remotely operated or controlled unmanned aircraft intended to fly within the National Aerospace System. Includes devices commonly referred to as drones (including communications support and navigational equipment). FAA regulations apply to all types of UAS regardless of weight or size.

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**0240-05-07-.03 GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT.**

- (1) Austin Peay State University shall follow all rules of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the use of remotely piloted Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also commonly referred to as drones, as well as assist in reasonably ensuring the safety and privacy of

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students, faculty, staff and visitors, while also encouraging learning, as it relates to UAS use on the campuses owned or occupied by Austin Peay State University, to the best of its ability.

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**0240-05-07-.04 ENFORCEMENT.**

- (1) Any operation or use of a drone that violates FAA regulations or laws is prohibited and it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure compliance with all such regulations or laws. Failing to comply with any of these various regulations may result in significant fines and significant personal liability to the operator.
- (2) Any operation or use of a UAS that violates University policy will be reported to APSU Department of Public Safety as a violation of University rules, and the operator may be subject to applicable disciplinary sanctions, reporting requirements, or other legal sanctions. They will also be placed on a banned pilots list maintained by the Public Relations and Marketing office of the University.
- (3) Any UAS that is flown in violation of University policy or rules may be confiscated by the APSU Department of Public Safety. Any confiscated UAS may be returned to the owner upon request at the end of each semester or at the discretion of the APSU Department of Public Safety.
- (4) All operators covered by this rule shall apply for approval to APSU's Public Relations and Marketing office for any drone activity at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the first drone flight. The Public Relations and Marketing office will keep a registry of approved UAS operators. Previously approved operators must also apply for approval seven (7) calendar days prior to each planned flight unless otherwise approved by the Public Relations and Marketing office. For information on how to apply for approval, or other procedural information, please refer to the APSU Public Relations and Marketing website.

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