

Shore Mariner Drone Activity Policy

Florida law ([Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act](#)) prohibits using drones to record, photograph, or surveil private property or individuals with a "reasonable expectation of privacy" without written consent, particularly if not visible from ground level. Violations can result in civil lawsuits, penalties of \$5,000, or criminal charges.

Florida Statute 934.50 prohibits capturing images of privately owned property, including condos, with the intent to conduct surveillance without written consent.

Florida Drone Laws and Regulations for Private Property

Privacy Protection: It is illegal to use a drone to capture images of private property or the people on it (owner, tenant, guest) without written consent, if a reasonable expectation of privacy exists.

In Florida, flying drones over condominium property is legal, but severely restricted by privacy laws, particularly the Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act. It is illegal to use a drone to record, take photos, or conduct surveillance on residents or their private property (including balconies or windows) without consent if a reasonable expectation of privacy exists.

Condominium associations can restrict or ban take-offs and landings from common areas and enforce rules regarding noise and privacy.

Shore Mariner restrictions:

1. Prior to operation of a drone anywhere on Shore Mariner's condominium property, Shore Mariner requires the drone operator (or the unit owner if the drone operator is not the unit owner) to notify the Association Board (per Florida laws and statutes) of the operator's intentions, and to obtain approval of the Board of Directors. As part of the Association approval process, the Board of Directors may request proof of insurance and any applicable licensure/certification from the drone operator, if applicable.
2. Drone operation is limited to between the hours of 8 A.M. - 9 A.M. every day of the week (when fewer residents are outside of the condominium building).
3. If approved, drones must be operated at a minimum height of 150 feet above the ground (AGL), except during takeoffs and landings, and shall be flown no less than twenty (30) feet from a building or any other person or property.
4. Drone operators must attempt to avoid photographing or video recording any Shore Mariner residents and guests without their express consent, and must delete/edit any images or videos and otherwise refrain from publishing any such photographs or videos in which any residents and guests were present unless their express consent is obtained.
5. Drone operators and/or the unit owners are responsible for ensuring the safe operation of the drone at all times while on Shore Mariner property, and are wholly responsible for complying with any and all state and federal laws, as amended from time to time, at all times during the drone operation. In addition, the drone operator must hold and maintain any required licenses or certificates as required by law, if applicable.

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