

MODEL AIRCRAFT – DRONE – UAS OPERATING PROCEDURES IN THE VICINITY OF NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Federal Aviation Administration requires both commercial and recreational operators of Model Aircraft to provide notice to FAA Norfolk Tower prior to operating within 5 miles of the airport.

The operator must contact FAA Norfolk Tower at 757-460-4102 to discuss proposed activity. FAA Norfolk Tower will assess the activity and provide feedback on whether the intended activity is allowed based on the location with respect to controlled airspace. The activity will be assessed with respect to safety of the controlled airspace and does not include any potential for nuisance or privacy issues.

The FAA defines Model Aircraft as:

- Flown strictly for hobby or recreational use
- Weighs less than 55 pounds
- Operates in a manner that does not interfere with, and gives way to, any manned aircraft

Note: If Model Aircraft flown for commercial purposes does not meet the standard of Model Aircraft, the user may be required to obtain a Certificate of Authorization from the FAA prior to operating.

Read FAA's guidelines for Model Aircraft usage at: https://www.faa.gov/uas/