

DRONES

The Phoenix Film Office does **NOT** issue drone permits as we consider drones a piece of equipment commonly used by productions for filming purposes. Therefore, Phoenix Film and Digital Media Permit covers all aspects of a production, although the UAS licensed pilot will need to use the [Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability](#) (LAANC) system to gain FAA approval.

LAANC provides:

- Drone pilots with access to controlled airspace at or below 400 feet.
- Awareness of where pilots can and cannot fly.
- Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) information and updates to the Special Use Airspace (SUA) schedule.
- Air Traffic Professionals with visibility into where and when drones will operate.

Companies that provide public LAANC services can be found at the bottom of [this page](#).

RESTRICTED LOCATIONS

Drones are restricted from flying in the majority of the 180+ City of Phoenix Parks pursuant to [Phoenix City Code, section 24-49](#). This is a local municipal regulation and will not be reflected through LAANC.

However, if a production is working under a Phoenix Film and Digital Media Permit, exemptions can be made in some circumstances. The Phoenix Film Office has identified specific locations within Papago Park and South Mountain (for example) where drone flights can be accommodated with additional resources and will consider others on a case-by-case basis.

If you are looking to film in one of the eight designated City of Phoenix Parks that do not require additional resources, a listing can be found [here](#) (although they are traditionally not popular with productions and still require a Phoenix Film and Digital Media Permit).

BE AWARE

Downtown Phoenix is situated on the western edge of Sky Harbor International Airport. Due to this, portions of Downtown Phoenix are in a **NO-FLY ZONE** (generally to the East of 5th Street) and the rest of the downtown generally has a **100' ceiling** (roughly 10 stories).

Downtown Phoenix is home to several designated **national security sensitive facilities**. Besides clearing the flight through LAANC, we advise that your UAS licensed pilot consult with the drone manufacturer to ensure a geofence has not been programed into the flight controller board.