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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Subject:** Proposed Drone Ordinance Tabled

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## **Proposed Drone Ordinance Tabled**

Bill No. 52-18: “An Ordinance of the Common Council of South Bend, Indiana, adding Article 15, Sections 14.157 to and Including 14.159 of Chapter 14, of the South Bend Municipal Code Regulating the Use and Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems”, originally scheduled for public hearing on November 11, 2018, has been tabled indefinitely due to a recently enacted federal statute.

On October 5, 2018, President Trump signed the [FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018](#). The Act establishes new conditions for recreational use of drones and immediately repeals the Special Rule for Model Aircraft. The FAA is evaluating the impacts of this change in the law and how implementation will proceed. The new federal statute requires a report within six (6) months relating to the roles of Federal, State and local government in regulating low altitude UAS.

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