



Board of County Commissioners

Item Title: Presentation regarding the operation and regulation of powered paragliders.
Date: May 21, 2025
Department: County Attorney

Background:

Powered paragliders (PPGs, also called paramotors) are a type of ultralight aviation that combines a parachute with a backpack-mounted engine. PPG pilots have frequently been spotted flying along County beaches.

On April 14, 2025, the Board requested that the County Attorney research PPGs in response to various concerns raised by a constituent, including noise, safety concerns, and licensing requirements.

This presentation will provide the Board with background information regarding the operation of PPGs, their regulation by the Federal Aviation Administration as “ultralight vehicles” subject to 13 C.F.R. part 103, and ordinances that have been considered and/or adopted by other Florida counties or municipalities.

Request:

Presentation regarding the operation and regulation of powered paragliders.

Financial/Economic Impact to Future Years Budgeting Process or Effect on Citizens:

N/A

Action Requested and Recommendation:

Presentation regarding the operation and regulation of powered paragliders.

Is this action consistent with the Nassau County Comprehensive Land Use Plan?

Informational presentation only; no action proposed at this time.

Funding Source:

N/A

Additional Information Needed for Contracts/Agreements (If Applicable)

Contract Number assigned by Contracts Management:

N/A

For non-governmental agencies, has the document been sent to the vendor for signature?

N/A

Does the document need to be recorded? If so, who will pay the recordation fee?

N/A

Are there any special mailing instructions? (Include contact name, address, deadline for submittal, how to mail such as express mail, FedEx, etc.):

N/A

How many originals are needed?

N/A