



Code Enforcement by Drone: Critical Considerations Before Launching

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Municipal code enforcement is only as effective as an enforcement officer's investigation. Because not all potential code violations can be investigated from the public right of way, code enforcement investigations may require access to enclosed or shielded areas of private property. In these settings, code enforcement staff may be strongly tempted to rely on emerging drone technology. This particular use of drone technology, however, is sure to raise concerns regarding privacy and the Fourth Amendment.

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