



up to 90 days. A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 76 full service jails or five life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.34 per day.

It is impossible to know how many people would be charged with this new misdemeanor and so it is impossible to determine the extent of costs to local governments. However, the number of cases in the Commonwealth of unmanned aircraft being used in this manner are low to nil. According to the Kentucky League of Cities, there had been zero cases of this nature in Northern Kentucky. Their concerns with unmanned aircraft involved the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) and operations within the flight path of the Northern Kentucky Airport and Lunken Airport in Northern Kentucky. The Kentucky Sheriffs Association reported that they were unaware of any potential cases involving unmanned aircraft and the surveillance of critical infrastructure. It would appear that as an actual threat, that the number of incidents in the Commonwealth is low and hence the number of potential arrests and incarcerations for this new crime will be low. These circumstances should result in a low cost to local governments for enforcement or incarceration.

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