

RESOLUTION NO. R-3262

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FLAG DISPLAY FOR VILLAGE-OWNED FLAGPOLES

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood (“Village”) owns, maintains, and exercises control over flagpoles at various Village-owned properties and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to ensure that all flags displayed on Village-owned flagpoles reflect the common core collective of the residents and the exclusive governmental nature of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further desires to establish clear and consistent guidelines governing which flags may be displayed, the order and manner of their display, and the maintenance and care of such flags; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that limiting flag displays to specific governmental and authorized flags promotes neutrality, avoids the appearance of endorsement and non-endorsement of private, personal, and political viewpoints, and ensures uniformity in Village operations;

WHEREAS, by limiting flag displays to specific authorized and governmental flags, Homewood definitively engages in, and establishes “government speech,” thereby removing the expectation and perception of a public forum for private speech.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals

The recitals above are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as findings of the Village Board.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Flag Display Resolution

This resolution serves as the official policy governing all flag displays on Village-owned flagpoles.

SECTION 3. Authorized Flags

Only the following flags are authorized to be flown on Village-owned flagpoles:

1. The Flag of the United States of America
2. The Flag of the State of Illinois
3. The Official Flag of the Village of Homewood
4. The POW/MIA Flag
5. Official United States Military Service Flags for ceremonial purposes
6. Any other flag required by law or official governmental proclamation

No other flags shall be displayed unless approved by formal action of the Village Board.

SECTION 4. Administration

The Village Manager, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement this resolution, establish administrative procedures, maintain an inventory of flagpole locations, and ensure proper display and maintenance of flags.

SECTION 5. Temporary Displays

Temporary or ceremonial flag displays shall be permitted only as provided in this resolution and shall be limited in duration and consistent with authorized flags or as approved by the Village Board.

SECTION 6. Prohibition of Unauthorized Flags

No flags other than those authorized by this Resolution shall be displayed on Village-owned flagpoles. Unauthorized flags shall be removed by Village staff.

SECTION 7. Severability

If any part of this Resolution is held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 8. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

This resolution was passed and approved this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENCES: _____