



MEMORANDUM

TO: Snoqualmie City Council
FROM: Dena Burke, City Attorney
SUBJECT: Flag Policy Discussion
DATE: July 10, 2025

INTRODUCTION

This item is being brought to Council for discussion and a proposal to identify which flags and additional regulations are to be included in the flag policy.

It is not the intent that this flag policy serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as expression of the city's official government speech.

BACKGROUND

The city does not currently have a policy regarding when or how flags are flown or lowered to half-staff, both inside and outside city facilities. Administration is seeking a policy consistent with state and federal law.

Currently, the United States flag is flown outside city facilities and inside Council Chambers, and the Washington State and City of Snoqualmie flags are flown inside Council Chambers.

DISCUSSION AND PROPOSAL

Outside city facilities:

- United States flag (per 4 U.S.C. Ch.1 and RCW 35A.21.180)
- Washington State flag (per RCW 35A.21.180)
- POW/MIA flag (per RCW 1.20.017)

Inside city facilities in compliance with the additional regulations set forth below:

- PRIDE Commemorative flag
- Juneteenth Commemorative flag
- Local professional or school sports teams
- Flags received for awards for which the city has applied (such as Tree City flag)
- Flags of other sovereign entities (with written consent)

NEXT STEPS

Staff will prepare an agenda bill based on Council's direction and bring it forward at the July 22, 2025, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting for review and the July 28, 2025, City Council meeting for adoption.