



City of Snoqualmie
Flag Policy

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Flag Policy is to establish provisions governing the display of flags both inside and outside of city facilities.

POLICY

Display of Flags On City Facilities

- A. Flags shall be displayed on city facilities in accordance with Federal and State statutes and regulations, including but not limited to, United States Code (4 U.S.C. Ch.1) Revised Code of Washington (RCW 35A.21.180, RCW 1.20.017, RCW 1.20.015) which governs display of the United States flag, the Washington State flag, and the POW/MIA flag.
- B. In addition to the flags mentioned above, the following flags may be displayed on a permanent or temporary basis on city facilities as directed and approved by the Mayor:
 - a. City of Snoqualmie flag;
 - b. Other government agency flag (for example: a county or other city's flag);
 - c. Federally recognized sovereign entity flag (with the entity's consent and direction on flag handling and etiquette);
 - d. Flag received for awards for which the city has applied (for example: Tree City flag);
 - e. Flag celebrating the accomplishments of Mount Si High School;
 - f. The PRIDE Commemorative flag;
 - g. The Juneteenth Commemorative flag.

The flags listed in this subsection, and no others, may be flown at the sole discretion of the Mayor.

- C. Raising flags is an expression of government sentiment, constitutes government speech, and does not open up any city facility or property as a forum for public or limited public participation.
- D. When feasible, procured flags should be made in the United States.

Lowering Flags to Half-Staff

- A. The city may lower flags to half-staff on the following limited occasions:
 - a. Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15th).
 - b. Memorial Day (last Monday in May).
 - c. Patriot Day (September 11th).
 - d. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7th).
 - e. In the event of the death of a principal federal or state government official.
 - f. In the event of the death of a city employee or official.
 - g. In the event of the death of a member of the public safety community, killed in the line of duty.
 - h. In the event of the death of a member of the armed forces from Washington State while serving on active duty.
 - i. At the direction of the President of the United States.
 - j. At the request of the Governor of the State of Washington.
- B. Unless otherwise directed by the Mayor, or by order of the President of the United States or Governor of the State of Washington, flags will be lowered to half-staff for the following durations:
 - a. One day to commemorate Peace Officers Memorial Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day and National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
 - b. Upon notification and raised at 5:00 pm day of service for a member of the public safety community killed in the line of duty.
 - c. Flags will be lowered to half-staff for no more than seven days on all other occasions.
- C. Lowering Responsibilities:
 - a. The Police Department has the responsibility for lowering and raising the flags for the Police Department.
 - b. The Fire Department has the responsibility for lowering and raising the flags for the Fire Department.
 - c. The Parks & Public Works Department has the responsibility for lowering and raising the flags for City Hall and any other city properties.

This policy may only be amended by city council resolution.