

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 3964

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITY OF NEWPORT FLAG POLICY

WHEREAS, City of Newport issued an administrative policy on June 24, 2019 to regulate the locations, purposes, and lengths of time for flags to be flown at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, City of Newport wishes to continue with flag protocols governing the display of required flags to be flown at City Hall, including the United States flag, Oregon state flag, and POW/MIA flag; and

WHEREAS, City of Newport wishes to establish a procedure governing the display of optional flags to be flown at City Hall, including the City flag, Sister City flag, and U.S. Coast Guard flag; and

WHEREAS, City of Newport wishes to adopt this flag policy as an expression of the City's official government speech.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Required Flags. In accordance with ORS 186.110, the United States flag, Oregon state flag, and POW/MIA flag will be flown during the hours the United States flag is customarily displayed.

Section 2. Optional Flags.

- A. The City flag, Sister City flag, or U.S. Coast Guard flag may be flown as space is available, at City staff discretion.
- B. Other optional flags may be flown to recognize a specific historical event, cause, nation, or group of people the City Council chooses to honor or commemorate by council proclamation or resolution. The proclamation or resolution will provide a description and size of the flag, and the dates the flag will be flown, including for any multiple requests for one time period. The flag must be provided by the organization, and may be flown for no more than 14 calendar days, which will be coordinated by the City Manager's office.
- C. All optional flags must not be larger than the United States flag, Oregon state flag, or POW/MIA flag.

Section 3. Flag Locations. There are three flag poles located at City Hall. The United States flag will be flown on the center pole at City Hall. The Oregon state flag will be flown on the pole to the right of the center pole (when facing City Hall) unless an optional flag is flown, at which time the Oregon state flag will be flown immediately below the United States flag. The POW/MIA flag will be flown on the pole to the left of the center pole (when facing City Hall). Optional flags will be flown on the pole to the right of the center pole (when facing City Hall).

Section 4. Responsible Party. The City Manager and Safety Officer will be responsible for the flags flown at City Hall.

Section 5. Half-Staff Display.

- A. The United States flag, when ordered by the President or Governor, will be flown at half-staff for the length of time requested.
- B. All optional flags will be flown at or below the required flags when in a half-staff display.
- C. Other than for state or federal declaration, flags will only be flown at half-staff in any instance where a current City of Newport mayor, councilor, or employee has died. Flags will be flown at half-staff for three business days. A press release will be provided to the public and the dates will be determined by the City Manager.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on January 17, 2023.



Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erik Glover, Assistant City Manager/City Recorder

