



TOWN OF BRENTWOOD

RESOLUTION 2022- 03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BRENTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL GOVERNING THE DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON TOWN PROPERTY. TO STANDARDIZE THE SELECTION AND PLACEMENT OF FLAGS ON TOWN PROPERTY. TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURE FOR LOWERING FLAG(S) TO HALF-STAFF

WHEREAS, the Town council desires to establish clear guidelines regarding the display of all flags flown on Town-owned or Town-maintained properties; and

WHEREAS, in adopting this resolution, the Town council declares that flagpoles owned or maintained by the Town of Brentwood are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as a non-public forum for the display of any governmental and non-governmental flag authorized by the Town Council either required by law or as an expression of the Town Council's official government speech; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Brentwood hereby endorses this Resolution, indicating their approval by signature hereof; and,

SECTION ONE: Flags shall be displayed in accordance with Federal and State statutes and regulations, including but not limited to, United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1 and MD General Provisions Code § 7-102

SECTION TWO: TOWN FLAG -The Town of Brentwood flag shall fly at half-staff if either the United States or Maryland flag is at half-staff. The mayor may order the Town of Brentwood flag to fly at half-staff at the death of a current or former Council Member, current or former Town staff member, or a historically significant member of the community.

SECTION THREE: COMMEMORATIVE FLAG

1. As an expression of the Town's official government speech, the Town Council may authorize the display of a commemorative flag to fly at Town-owned or Town-maintained properties.
2. The Town Council shall only consider a request to display a commemorative flag if the request is made by a member of the Town Council. Requests to fly a



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commemorative flag by members of the public will not be considered.

3. The decision to approve or deny a request to display a commemorative flag shall be made at a publicly noticed council meeting.

4. Commemorative flags shall be displayed for a period of time that is reasonable or customary for the subject that is to be commemorated.

5. Commemorative flags must be either purchased by the Town or temporarily donated for the Town's use and must be clean, without holes and tears and be made of an all-weather fabric. Commemorative flags may be the same size or smaller than the United States and Maryland flags that are flown.

6. If any other flag is flown at half-staff, the commemorative flag will also be flown at half-staff.

7. A "commemorative flag" as defined in this Policy shall mean a flag that identifies with a specific historical event, cause, nation, or group of people that the Town Council chooses to honor or commemorate consistent with the Town's mission and priorities. The following are not allowed as Commemorative Flags and will not be considered by the Town Council:

a. Flags of a particular religious movement or creed to avoid the appearance of

Town government endorsing religion or a particular religious movement or creed;

b. Flags of a political party to avoid the appearance of Town government endorsing a political party; and

c. Flags advocating a certain outcome in an election.

8. No flag, banner or any other manner of display shall be stretched across any Town property or streets of the Town without permission from the Town Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2022

Attest: Giselle Richards, Town Clerk

Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor



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Stefan Leggin, Vice Mayor

Marcus Monroe, Councilmember

Quianna Taylor, Councilmember

Mary Vechery-Goff, Councilmember

