



TOWN OF ORLEANS

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SELECTBOARD

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DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON TOWN FLAG POLES

1. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the display of (1) flags of governments recognized by the Federal Government (2) Official U.S. Military and POW/MIA flags and (3) other flags on flag poles owned and maintained by the Town of Orleans.

2. POLICY GUIDELINES

2.1 Policy

It is the policy of the Town of Orleans that all flags be displayed in conformance with Federal and State policies and laws. This includes, but is not limited to, the Federal "Our Flag" publication and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 2 Section 6 and Section 6A.

2.2 Eligible Flags and Order of Precedence

Only the United States, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Town of Orleans government flags and official flags of the U.S. Military and POW/MIA flags may be flown on any Town-owned flag pole. Outdoor flags will be flown on town flag poles in the following order of precedence: first, the United States flag; second, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag; third, the Town of Orleans Flag and fourth, official flags of the U.S. Military and POW/MIA.

2.3 Federal, State, and Local Proclamation of Special Occasion

Flags flown on town flag poles shall be displayed in accordance with the standards referenced above in Sections 2.1 and 2.2. The Select Board, or if time is of the essence, the Town Manager may order flags to be lowered to half staff including, but not limited to flags of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in honor of the death of a Town employee killed in the line of duty, or in the observance of a specific event or circumstance.

2.4 Other Flags

The Town's flag poles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The only flags permitted on Town-owned flag poles are those set forth in Section 2.2., and all other flags are prohibited from being flown on any and all Town of Orleans flag poles.

3. APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to all Town-owned flag poles.

4. QUESTIONS

Please direct questions to the Town Manager's Office.