

RESOLUTION 1120

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY RELATING TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S FLAG POLICY.

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2011, the Lacey City Council adopted the Council Policies and Procedures manual to standardize the process for implementing current and new Council practices, procedures, and policies; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, the Commission on Equity recommended updates to Section 5.12, Flag Policy, to the Lacey City Council to increase community inclusivity and create a more welcoming community.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommended updates to the Flag Policy and finds the proposed changes to improve community inclusivity and create a more welcoming community will be in the public interest.

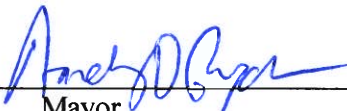
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5.12 of the Council Policies and Procedures Manual, Flag Policy, shall be amended as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON,

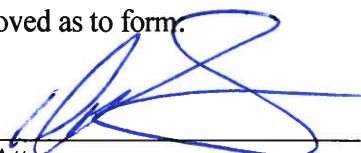
this 15th day of September, 2022.

CITY COUNCIL

By 
Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

Approved as to form.

City Attorney

5.12 Flag Policy

The purpose of the policy is to establish guidelines in order to ensure that the flags are used only for government speech and that they reflect the views, values, and goals of the city. The City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The City will not display a ceremonial flag based on a request from a third party, nor will the City use its flagpoles to sponsor the expression of a third party.

Flags shall be displayed in conformance with Federal and State laws and policies, as stated in the Federal "The Flag" publication of the Congress, Title 4, Chapter, 1 of the United States Code, and the State of Washington Revised Code of Washington 35A.21.180 and RCW 1.20.017.

Based on guidance from the Washington Secretary of State, the Washington State flag should be displayed in the highest position of honor after the U.S. flag and the flags of any other nations. The Washington State flag should be displayed in a higher position of honor than the flags of other states, counties, cities, or any other entity. When the U.S., Washington State, and POW-MIA flags are flown on a single pole, the U.S. flag should be on top, followed by POW-MIA flag and then the Washington State flag. If there are two poles, the POW/MIA flag should be flown under the U.S. flag while the Washington State flag is on the other pole.

Any flag flown by the City must be purchased and owned by the City.

Alternatives to Displaying the City Flag:

This policy shall apply to all City-owned locations at which the City flag is displayed, unless otherwise noted.

Location	# of Flag Poles	Flags Presented
City Hall	3	US Flag POW Flag Washington State City of Lacey
Public Works Shop (commonly referred to as “the Shop”)	1	US Flag City of Lacey
RAC	1	US Flag City of Lacey
Lacey Civic Plaza	3	US Flag POW Flag Washington State City of Lacey
Woodland Community Center	1	US Flag City of Lacey
Hawks Prairie (near Home Depot)	2	US Flag Washington State (Poles are not tall enough to fly two flags)

The City’s flagpoles are to be used exclusively by the City, where the Lacey City Council may display a commemorative flag as a form of government expression. The Lacey Council may choose to fly a different flag in place of the City flag. Any decision to fly a different flag must be made independently by the Council. The Lacey City Council may request the Commission on Equity to review and provide recommendations on flag displays. The approval to fly a flag in place of the City flag must be made by a majority of the Council at a regular Council meeting. The Lacey City Council approval will include a description of the flag to be displayed and the dates for display of the particular flag, including if the flag will be displayed on an annual basis. Flags authorized by the Lacey City Council to be displayed on an annual basis should be incorporated into this policy.

Council Approved Flags

- **Sister City Flag:** The flag of Lacey’s sister city may be flown during the visit of a sister city delegation to City Hall.
- **The Progress Pride Flag:** The Progress Pride Flag will be flown annually from June 1 to June 30, with the exception of when the Juneteenth Flag is flown (see below).

- **The Juneteenth Flag:** The Juneteenth Flag will be flown annually from June 19 to the third weekend of June or the third weekend of June to June 19 depending on which comes first, at City Hall and the Regional Athletic Complex.
- **The Nisqually Indian Tribe Flag:** The Nisqually Indian Tribe Flag will be flown annually from November 1 to November 15 provided the City annually receives consent from the Nisqually Indian Tribe.
- **Squaxin Island Tribe Flag:** The Squaxin Island Tribe Flag will be flown annually from November 16 to November 30 provided the City annually receives consent from the Squaxin Island Tribe.