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**CITY OF FIRCREST
RESOLUTION NO. 1779**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, GOVERNING THE DISPLAY OF
FLAGS ON CITY PROPERTY**

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

WHEREAS, in adopting this resolution, the city council declares that flagpoles owned or maintained by the City of Fircrest 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 City Council either required by law or as an expression of the City Council's official government speech.

WHEREAS, in times where the Governor of Washington State or the President of the United States declares that the United States Flag be flown at half-staff, only the United States flag shall be displayed and flown at half-staff as declared.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST:**

Section 1. 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 RCW Chapter 1.20.010 – 1.20.017.

Section 2. Commemorative Flag.


1. As an expression of the City's official government speech, the City Council may authorize the display of a commemorative flag to fly at city-owned or city-maintained properties.
2. The City Council shall only consider a request to display a commemorative flag if the request is made by a member of the City Council. Requests to fly a commemorative flag by members of the public or a third party 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 city 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 City or temporarily donated for the City's use and must be clean, without holes and tears, and be made of an all-weather fabric. Commemorative flags must be smaller than the United States flag that is flown, and may be the same size as the Washington State flag that is flown.
6. 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 City Council chooses to honor or commemorate consistent with the City's mission and priorities.

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Section 3: This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

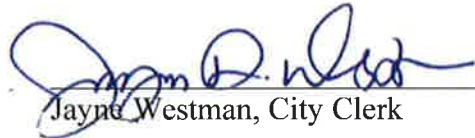
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 26th day of July 2022.

APPROVED:




Brett L. Wittner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jayne Westman, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Hillary J. Evans, City Attorney