



Resolution NO. 180

A Resolution Establishing a Policy Regarding Flag Display.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN - 7/6/2021

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Battle Creek:

Whereas, the City Commission desires to establish a policy regarding: (1) the display of the United States Flag, the Michigan State Flag, and the City of Battle Creek flag at City facilities; and (2) the display of commemorative flags on city property; and

Whereas, in adopting this policy, the City Commission declares that the City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression of the public, but rather for the display of Federal, State, and City Flags, or the temporary replacement of the City Flag with any commemorative flag as may be authorized by resolution of the City Commission as an expression of the City's official sentiments; and

Whereas, the United States Flag, the Michigan State Flag, and the City of Battle Creek Flag shall be displayed as may be required by law and in accordance with this policy; and

Whereas, no other flag shall be placed above the United States Flag; and

Whereas, commemorative flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of the City Commission and as an expression of the City's official sentiments and, as such, commemorative flags shall be displayed for a period of time that is reasonable or customary for the subject that is to be commemorated, but no longer than thirty (30) continuous days; and

Whereas, the City will not display a commemorative flag based on a request from a third party, nor will the City use its flagpoles to sponsor the expression of a third party; and

Whereas, at no time will the City of Battle Creek display flags supporting discrimination, prejudice, or religious movements; and

Whereas, flags shall be displayed as follows: The United States Flag shall be displayed in the first position of honor, the Michigan State Flag shall be placed in the second position of honor, the City of Battle Creek Flag shall be placed in the third position of honor. Commemorative flags, when authorized by the City Commission for a period of less than thirty (30) consecutive days, shall be displayed in the third position of honor, temporarily replacing the City of Battle Creek flag; and

Whereas, if all flags are displayed on one flagpole, the order from top to bottom shall be: the United States Flag, the Michigan State Flag, the City of Battle Creek Flag, and then commemorative flags.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the City of Battle Creek adopt this as its policy on the display of flags on city property.