

## Exhibit "A"

### City Of Hudson Flag Flying Policy

**Scope:** This policy shall encompass the use of all Municipal United States/American Flags, State of Ohio Flags, and the City of Hudson Flag flown on flagpoles at City of Hudson properties, including, but not limited to, flags flying at all local government facilities.

**Purpose:** To formalize which types of flags are to be flown at City of Hudson properties and facilities where flagpole display infrastructure has been or will be installed in the future. For the purpose of this policy, staff recommends adherence to the table below with regards to the types of flags permitted to be flown on City properties both currently and for future local government facilities or properties. The State of Ohio Flag may be displayed under the United States/American Flag at all locations. City Council declares that flagpoles on property owned by the City of Hudson are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as a non-public forum only for the display of flags as required by law or as an expression of the City's official government speech.

Flag Locations	Flags Flown
Public Works Facility	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Police Station	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Town Hall	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Fire-EMS/Safety Center	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Water Resources Plant	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Markillie/St. Mary's Cemetery	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag, POW/MIA Flag
Clock Tower Green	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Cascade Park	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Veterans Way Park	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag. POW/MIA Flag
Hudson Springs Park	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
Ellsworth Meadows Golf Course	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.
*City Hall	Standard United States/American Flag, State of Ohio Flag, City Flag.

**Standard Flag Protocol:** All American Flags shall be flown in accordance with applicable State and Federal Laws and American Flag display etiquette protocols as detailed by federal Government of the United States <https://www.usa.gov/flag>. In particular:

- Outdoor flags shall be flown at City facilities and City-owned properties in the following order of precedence: first, the United States flag; second, the Ohio state flag; third, the Hudson city flag.
- No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America.
- Flags should not be displayed in inclement weather. However, all-weather flags may be flown on a 24-hour basis so long as they are illuminated from sunset to sunrise.
- The American Flag shall be flown on all Federal and State holidays.
- When the state flag and the United States flag are displayed at the same time, the state flag shall not be larger than the United States flag.
- The American flag shall be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

**Half Staff Protocol:** The City of Hudson's American Flags shall be flown at half-staff under the following conditions:

- When so ordered by the Federal Government or President of the United States.
- When so ordered by State or the Governor of the State of Ohio.
- In accordance with the remaining protocols expounded in 4 U.S.C. §7 (m).
- At the direction of the City Manager and/or the President of City Council upon the following:
  - The death of any active City of Hudson municipal official.
  - The death of any former City of Hudson Municipal official.
  - By request of Hudson City Council.

**Half Staff Process:** The City Manager or his or her designee shall inform department staff and pertinent individuals of the need to fly the American Flag at half-staff.

- When the American Flag is flown at half-staff after the death of an individual it shall remain at half-staff from the time of death until the time of burial, unless otherwise indicated according to instructions or orders of the relevant issuing authority, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law.
- City staff shall release information as to the reason for City Flags being flown at half-staff and the duration.
- When flown at half-staff, the American flag should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.