

	CITY OF BELVEDERE – ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY MANUAL		
	POLICY 20.6 FLAG POLICY		
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20.6.1 PURPOSE

The City desires to establish a flag policy providing standards and guidance for the display of the United States Flag, the State of California Flag, the City of Belvedere Flag, and commemorative flags at City property. The display of flags on City property shall not create a public forum for the expression of public speech. The display of flags on City property, including commemorative flags as may be authorized by the City Council, constitutes governmental speech and serves as an expression of the City. This Policy does not apply to the indoor display of flags on City property.

20.6.2 STANDARD

All flags shall be displayed at City property in compliance with this Administrative Policy and consistent with all applicable Federal and State laws, including Title 4, Chapter 1 of the United States Code, and Sections 430 through 439 of the California Government Code.

20.6.3 DISPLAY OF FLAGS

- A. The City shall display the United States Flag and the State of California Flag outside City Hall. The City Manager may direct the display of the City of Belvedere Flag at City Hall.
- B. Flags shall be displayed on all days that the City of Belvedere is open for business, and on Federal and State holidays. Flags may be displayed twenty-four (24) hours per day if they are illuminated during darkness. Flags shall not be displayed during inclement weather.
- C. Flags on City property shall be displayed in the following order:
 - 1. The United States Flag shall be displayed in the first position of honor.
 - 2. The California State Flag shall be displayed in the second position of honor.
 - 3. The City of Belvedere Flag shall be displayed in the third position of honor.
 - 4. Commemorative flags shall be displayed in the fourth position of honor, unless otherwise authorized by the City Council and if consistent with Federal and State law.

20.6.4 COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS

- A. The City may display commemorative flags on City property. A commemorative flag is any flag other than the United States Flag, the State of California Flag, or the City of Belvedere Flag.
- B. The display of commemorative flags constitutes governmental speech. The display of commemorative flags serves solely as an expression of the City's official sentiment and shall not create or serve as a forum for public expression.
- C. The City may display commemorative flags only if authorized by City Council Resolution at a duly noticed public meeting. The City Council shall consider requests to display a commemorative flag if the request is made by a member of the City Council.
- D. Commemorative flags shall be displayed for a period of time that is reasonable or customary, but no longer than thirtyn-one (31) continuous days.