



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** WHITNEY McDONALD, CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
AGENDA ITEM 11.a. – MAY 25, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION  
ESTABLISHING A CITY FLAG DISPLAY POLICY AND AUTHORIZING  
DISPLAY OF THE LGBTQ+ PRIDE FLAG AT CITY HALL DURING THE  
MONTH OF JUNE, 2021

**DATE:** MAY 25, 2021

Attached is the Resolution that was inadvertently left out of the staff report for the above referenced item.

cc: Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director  
City Attorney  
City Clerk  
City Website (or public review binder)

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ARROYO GRANDE ADOPTING A FLAG DISPLAY  
POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande currently displays the United States Flag and the State of California Flag at the Arroyo Grande City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande does not have a policy regarding the display of flags; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to establish a policy that provides guidance and standards for the outdoor display of flags at City facilities, including commemorative flags other than the United States flag, the State of California flag, and City flags; and

**WHEREAS**, in adopting this Policy, the City Council desires to reflect the dignity of the flags flown at City-owned or City-maintained facilities, as well as the role of the Arroyo Grande City Hall as an inclusive gathering location and local symbol of government and democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, in adopting this flag display policy, the City Council declares that flags and flagpoles owned or maintained by the City of Arroyo Grande are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as a nonpublic forum for the display of the United States flag, the State of California flag, City flags, and any commemorative flag authorized by the City Council as an expression of the City Council's official sentiments (government speech); and

**WHEREAS**, in adopting this Policy, the City Council declares that the following flags shall not be considered commemorative flags that can be displayed or flown on City owned or maintained flagpoles: 1) flags of a particular religious movement or creed to avoid the appearance of City government endorsing religion or a particular religious movement or creed; 2) flags of a political party to avoid the appearance of City government endorsing a political party; and 3) flags advocating a certain outcome in an election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande as follows:

1. The recitals set forth herein are true, correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City of Arroyo Grande Policy on Display of Flags, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO.**  
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On motion by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2021.

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CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JESSICA MATSON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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WHITNEY MCDONALD, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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TIMOTHY J. CARMEL, CITY ATTORNEY