

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10-6444

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A
COMMEMORATIVE FLAG POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City of Signal Hill displays flags at City facilities in accordance with Federal and State law; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have a policy regarding the display of commemorative flags; and

WHEREAS, the City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather for the display of federal, state, and city flags, and any commemorative flag as may be authorized by resolution of the City Council as an expression of the City's official sentiments.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as findings by the City Council.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the Signal Hill Commemorative Flag Policy, as follows.

Commemorative Flag Policy

1. Authorization for Display

Commemorative flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of the City Council and as an expression of the City's official sentiments with respect to subject matters important to community members and residents. 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.

2. Annual Consideration of Display

In January of each year, the City Council will consider the display of commemorative flags for the upcoming year. After an initial agendaized discussion, staff will return to a subsequent City Council meeting with a resolution supporting the City's display of the flag(s) chosen. A majority of the City Council must vote affirmatively for said resolution.

3. Unscheduled Displays

In addition to the annual consideration, a Council Member may, at any time during the year, suggest the display of additional flags meeting the criteria of this policy. Consideration would be by a two-step process where on an agenda the Council considers the request, and if supported by a motion approved by a majority of the Councilmembers, staff would return with a formal resolution authorizing display of a commemorative flag. A majority of the City Council must vote affirmatively for said resolution.

4. Type of Display

Commemorative flags shall be displayed beneath the City of Signal Hill flag on the same flagpole.

5. Duration of Display

In general, commemorative flags will be rotated on a monthly basis, with the flag displayed on the first business day following the beginning of the month and removed on the first business day following the end of the month. However, the City Council may, as part of the resolution authorizing display of a commemorative flag, adjust the duration of display as desired. If multiple flags are authorized to be displayed in a given month, the City Council will direct staff as to the desired term of display for each flag.

6. Location of Display

Commemorative flags shall be displayed at City Hall, the Library, and the Police Station.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council this 8th day of October, 2019.

LORI Y. WOODS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Deputy CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF SIGNAL HILL)

I, CARMEN R. BROOKS, City Clerk of the City of Signal Hill, California, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2019-10-6444 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Signal Hill at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of October, 2019, and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	VICE MAYOR ROBERT D. COPELAND, COUNCIL MEMBERS KEIR JONES, EDWARD H.J. WILSON
NOES:	MAYOR LORI Y. WOODS, COUNCIL MEMBER TINA L. HANSEN
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

Deputy CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK