

FLAG POLICY

(Adopted 7/23/79, 8/23/99, 6/11/24)

Flags flown on municipal properties shall be limited to the United States flag, flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, POW/MIA flag, and Gold Star flag. The decision on which flags will be flown shall be made jointly by the Town Manager and department head responsible for the property. The United States flag shall fly above all other flags.

Flags shall be flown at half-mast as follows:

- Until funeral services for an elected or appointed Town official who dies during their term of office;
- Until funeral services for a Town employee who dies during their employment with the Town;
- From the time of arrival in Sudbury of the body of a deceased Sudbury veteran brought back from overseas until after the funeral services;
- On those holidays or occasions so designated by the State or Federal government;
- On other occasions or days of mourning as determined by the Town Manager or Select Board.

The Town's flagpoles are not, and are not intended, to serve as a forum for free expression by the public.

All flags shall comply with applicable flag etiquette.

This policy shall not apply to flags on public school properties.

Flags exhibited from Town-owned property shall be displayed in conformance with applicable federal, state, and local policies, as stated in the Federal "Our Flag"

publication of the Congress, House Document No. 96-144 and the Massachusetts statutes and regulations for flags, including without limitation G.L. c. 2, § 6A, G.L. c. 264, § 5, 950 CMR 34.00 et seq. and this policy.

*Please note, at the time of adoption the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag was under review by the Legislature.

Voted by Select Board on June 11, 2024