

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB
CITY OF BROOKHAVEN

RES 2021-07-03

RESOLUTION NO. RES 2021-07-03

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN FLAG POLICY

WHEREAS: The City of Brookhaven recognizes the importance, civic pride and reverence that comes with the display of the nation's flag, the State of Georgia flag, and the City of Brookhaven flag; and

WHEREAS: The display of the United States (U.S.) flag is governed by the U.S. Flag Code and the display of the State flag by the Georgia Protocol Guide; and

WHEREAS: Occasionally, upon the death of a prominent person, questions arise about flying flags at half-mast; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Flag Code and Georgia Protocol Guide provide the criteria for flying the U.S. flag and State flag at half-staff; and

WHEREAS: The City of Brookhaven is occasionally approached to fly non-governmental flags on City property; and

WHEREAS: The City of Brookhaven desires to establish a flag policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Brookhaven that a flag display policy is approved consistent with the provisions in Exhibit A.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 27th day of July, 2021.



APPROVED:

John Arthur Ernst, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Bryant, Deputy City Clerk
Susan Hiott
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Christopher D. Balch, City Attorney

Exhibit A

The City of Brookhaven has flag poles in the following locations:

- Public Safety Building (2665 Buford Highway Brookhaven, Georgia 30324) Illuminated
- Murphey Chandler Park (two poles...near football stadium "Mustang Field" and baseball stadium "Major's Field") Both Illuminated
- NOTE: The Public Safety Building under construction at 1793 Briarwood Road will have three illuminated poles, one each for the U.S., State and City flags.

Display of the U.S. flag will follow the U.S. Flag Code (link follows)

<https://www.usa.gov/flag>

Display of the state flag will follow the Georgia Protocol Guide (link follows)

[Georgia-Protocol-guide-.pdf](#)

The City of Brookhaven flag policy allows only the U.S. flag, State flag, and City flag. For example, the policy prohibits specialty flags including, but not limited to Sister City flags, Heritage Month flags (e.g., Black History Month, Pride Month, Asian/Pacific American History, National Hispanic Heritage, and Indigenous peoples' heritage), National League of Families POW/MIA flag, flags received in recognition of awards, flags received from visiting groups, or flags designating an event or accomplishment.

Any U.S. flag or State flag on City property must comply with the official design approved by the United States government and State of Georgia without variation (i.e., no black and white flags, camouflage flags, etc.).

The U.S., State, or City flag is not permitted on City of Brookhaven vehicles or equipment. An U.S. flag patch is permitted for uniformed police officers and fire marshals consistent with the U.S. Flag Code.

The City flag may be displayed on the same pole with the U.S. flag and State flag consistent with the U.S. Flag Code.

U.S., State, or City flags displayed indoors will follow the protocol detailed by the U.S. Flag Code and Georgia Protocol Guide. Indoor City flags shall be displayed at a minimum in the City Council Chambers, the Mayor's Office, and in the Brookhaven Municipal Courtroom.

All flags shall be flown at half-staff as prescribed with the U.S. Flag Code and Georgia Protocol Guide or as directed by the proper federal or state officials. If the U.S. or State flag are lowered to half-staff, the City flag will be similarly lowered to half-staff.

In addition to any federal or state protocols or directions, the Mayor of Brookhaven may order the City flag to be flown at half-staff for one week under the following circumstances:

1. On the death of any of the following individuals:
 - a. Brookhaven Mayor, ex-Mayor, or Mayor-elect;
 - b. Current member of City Council;
 - c. Current head of any City Department;
 - d. Any other local official, City employee, citizen, or other individual deemed by the Mayor to have made significant contributions to the benefit and welfare of the City and citizens of Brookhaven.
2. Any instance where a City of Brookhaven employee or contract staff has been killed in the line of duty or has died as a direct result of injuries incurred while in the performance of official duties.
3. In each of the above circumstances of a local official designation of mourning, only the City flag will be lowered. The U.S. and State flags would not be lowered, unless designated by the U.S. Flag Code or Georgia Protocol Guide.