

Exhibit A

City of East Moline, Illinois

Policy Regarding Flag Display on City Owned and Maintained Property

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the display of flags on city-owned and maintained property to ensure that such displays represent government speech consistent with the identity of the City of East Moline.

1. Scope and Authority: All flagpoles or flag display areas located on property owned or maintained by the City of East Moline, including but not limited to City Hall, public parks, public rights of way, and municipal buildings, are not intended to serve as forums for free expression by the public. The display of flags pursuant to this policy shall constitute government speech. The City at its sole discretion shall determine where it shall fly or display flags upon property owned or maintained by the City.

2. Authorized Official Flags or Display Content: The following are authorized for display:

- The Flag of the United States of America
- The State Flag of the State of Illinois
- The Official Flag of the City of East Moline
- The POW/MIA Flag

Such flags shall be flown on official flag poles owned and maintained by the City.

3. Authorized Commemorative Flags or Display Content: Flags commemorating the following holidays, holiday seasons, special events, or awareness events/months, are authorized for display:

HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	1-Jan
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	3 rd Monday in Jan
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth National Independence Day	19-Jun
Independence Day	4-Jul
Labor Day	1st Mon in Sep
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veterans Day	11-Nov
Thanksgiving	4th Thursday in Nov
Christmas Day	25-Dec

HOLIDAY SEASONS

Spring Season (Mar 1 – Apr 30 (annually adjusted)	Easter, Passover, Lent, Holy Week, Spring Festivals
Summer Season (Memorial Day – July 5)	Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14), Juneteenth (June 19), Independence Day, Summer Festivals
Fall Season (Oct 1 – Nov 30)	Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Fall Festivals
Winter Season (Nov 15 – Jan 5)	Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, Winter Festivals

AWARENESS MONTHS

American Heart Month	February
National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month	March
Autism Awareness Month	April
Mental Health Awareness Month	May
National Kidney Disease Awareness Month	May
Pride Month	June
National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month	September
National Suicide Prevention Month	September
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October
National Diabetes Awareness Month	November
National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month	November

CITY SPONSORED or SANCTIONED EVENTS

Parades
Music concerts
Street Festivals

Such commemorative flags shall not be flown on official flag poles owned and maintained by the City but may be flown at _____, or a location otherwise designated by the City, administratively or by city council action.

4. Prohibited Uses: No flag or display may be displayed on city owned or maintained property that:

- Represents or promotes commercial products or private organizations
- Represents a political party
- Represents a particular religious movement or creed
- Advocates a certain outcome in an election
- Contains offensive, hateful, or discriminatory symbols
- Has not been expressly authorized by the City Council or designated official

5. Application and Approval of Commemorative Flags: Requests to display a commemorative flag (not listed in Section 3) on city owned or maintained property must be submitted in writing to the Mayor or City Administrator, including:

- The purpose and significance of the flag
- Duration of display
- Design image or description

Approval must then be granted by a majority vote of the City Council and must comply with this policy. If any other flag is flown at half-staff, the commemorative flag will also be flown at half-staff.

6. Duration and Order of Display: Approved commemorative flags may be displayed for a period not exceeding _____ days unless extended by City Council vote. Flags shall be flown in accordance with standard flag protocol.

7. Display and Care of Flags: The City will follow the United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1 and the Illinois state provisions, 5 ILCS 465 ("The Flag Display Act") governing the display and care of flags.

8. Severability Clause: If any provision of this policy is deemed invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.