



**Firethorne Community Association, Inc.  
GUIDELINES FOR DISPLAY OF FLAGS**

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
  §       KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:  
COUNTY OF FT. BEND         §

WHEREAS, the Firethorne Community Association, Inc. ("Association") is charged with administering and enforcing those certain covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in the recorded Declarations for the various sections of the community (referred to collectively as "Declarations"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Association ("Board") has determined that in connection with maintaining the aesthetics and architectural harmony of the community, and to provide clear and definitive guidance regarding the display of flags therein, it is appropriate for the Association to adopt guidelines for the display of flags within the subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board has duly adopted the following *Guidelines for Display of Flags* within the community.

1. The following are legally permitted flags ("Permitted Flags"):
  - 1.1 the official flag of the United States;
  - 1.2 the official flag of the State of Texas; and
  - 1.3 the official flag of any branch of the United States armed forces.
2. Any flag other than a Permitted Flag must have the written approval of the ARC, which may or may not be granted.
3. Permitted Flags may be displayed subject to these Guidelines. Advanced written approval of the ARC is required for any free-standing flagpole and any additional illumination associated with the display of Permitted Flags.
4. Permitted Flags must be displayed in a respectful manner in accordance with the current relevant federal, state or military code.
5. Permitted Flags must be displayed from a pole attached to a structure or to a free-standing pole. Permitted Flags may not be draped over or directly attached to structures. For example, a Permitted Flag may not be laid across a fence or stapled to a garage door.

6. Permitted Flags shall be no larger than three feet (3') by five feet (5') in size.
7. Only one Permitted Flag may be displayed on a flagpole attached to a structure. Up to two Permitted Flags may be displayed on an approved free-standing flagpole that is at least fourteen feet (14') tall.
8. Flagpoles must be constructed of permanent, long-lasting material with an appropriate finish that is harmonious with the dwelling.
9. A flagpole attached to a structure may be up to six feet (6') long and must be securely attached with a bracket with an angle of 30 to 45 degrees down from vertical. The flagpole must be attached in such a manner as to not damage the structure. One attached flagpole is allowed on any portion of a structure facing a street and one attached flagpole is allowed on the rear or backyard portion of a structure. Brackets which accommodate multiple flagpoles are not allowed.
10. Free-standing flagpoles may be up to twenty feet (20') tall, including any ornamental caps. Free-standing flagpoles must be permanently installed in the ground according to manufacturer's instructions. One free-standing flagpole is allowed in the portion of the owner's property between the main residential dwelling and any street and one free-standing flagpole is allowed in the rear or backyard portion of a property.
11. Free-standing flagpoles may not be installed in any location described below:
  - 11.1 in any location other than the Owner's property;
  - 11.2 within a ground utility easement or encroaching into an aerial easement;
  - 11.3 beyond the side or rear setback lines (for example, on a lot with a 10' side setback line, a flagpole may not be installed closer than 10' from the side property line);
  - 11.4 beyond half the distance of the front setback line (for example, on a lot with a 30' front setback line, a flagpole may not be installed closer than 15' from the front property line); or
  - 11.5 closer to a dwelling on an adjacent lot than the height of the flagpole (for example, a 20' flagpole cannot be installed closer than 20' from an adjacent house).
12. Lighting may be installed to illuminate Permitted Flags if they will be displayed at night and if existing ambient lighting does not provide proper


illumination, if such lighting:

- 12.1 is ground mounted in the vicinity of the flag; and
  - 12.2 utilizes by a fixture that screens the bulb and directs light in the intended direction with minimal spillover; and
  - 12.3 is pointing towards the flag and facing the main structure on the property or to the center of the property if there is no structure; and
  - 12.4 is providing illumination not exceed the equivalent of a 60 watt incandescent bulb.
- 13. Flagpoles must not generate unreasonable noise levels which would disturb the quiet enjoyment of other residents. Each flagpole owner shall take steps to reduce noise levels by using vinyl or plastic snap hooks, installing snap hook covers or securing a loose halyard (rope) around the flagpole with a flagpole clasp.
  - 14. Flagpoles are allowed solely for the purpose of displaying Permitted Flags. If a flagpole is no longer used on a daily basis, it must be removed.
  - 15. All flags and flagpoles must be maintained in good condition. Deteriorated flags must be removed and promptly replaced. Deteriorated or structurally unsafe flagpoles must be promptly repaired, replaced or removed.

These guidelines are effective upon recording in the Public Records of Ft. Bend County, Texas, and supersede any guidelines for display of flags which may have previously been in effect.

Approved and adopted by the Board on this 22nd day of March 2012.

Firethorne Community Association, Inc.

  
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Signature

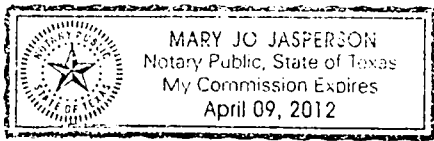
Wayne C. Meyer  
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Officer Name

President  
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Position

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Wayne C Meyer, President of Firethorne Community Association, Inc., a Texas corporation, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she had executed the same as the act of said corporation for the purpose and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of March, 2012.



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