

CITY OF CHEVIOT STATE OF OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 24-19

TO ADOPT STANDARDS FOR FLAGS ON CITY'S PUBLIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to establish certain Flag Standard with respect to the locations where the United States of America, State of Ohio, and City of Cheviot flags should be displayed on City-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to maintain neutrality when displaying flags on City-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cheviot is one of the most diverse cities in the United States, in which we should proudly promote and embrace its diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City must and will serve and treat its residents equally, with no discrimination, or special treatment to any group of people or individual person; and

WHEREAS, the City has not and does not intend for any of its flag poles to be a forum for public speech; and

WHEREAS, this Council acknowledges that the Safety Service Director is responsible for ensuring the proper execution of any flag standards at all City facilities and City-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, this Council intends that the City's Flag Standards only apply to flag poles on City- owned property and does not in any way, shape, or form infringe upon the fundamental right of an individual or business in the City of Cheviot from displaying any flag or pennant on their private property at any time or to engage in their free speech, as protected by the Constitution of the United States of America or the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Cheviot adopts the following Flag Standards, which shall apply to flag poles on City-owned properties.

Section 2. The City of Cheviot shall only fly the following flags on flag poles on City-owned properties: American flag, State of Ohio flag, the Cheviot flag, the Prisoner of War flag, Purple Heart flag, Missing in Action flag.

Section 3. The City's Flagpoles are not intended to serve as a public forum for public speech, but is to be used strictly for government speech.


Section 4. Flags flown by the City shall be all-weather flags, shall be flown on a 24-hour basis and shall be illuminated at night.

Section 5. The Flag Standards shall be enforced and executed by the Safety-Service Director.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.


Kerry Smyth
President of Council

9/17/24
Date passed


Samuel D. Keller
Mayor

9-17-24
Date approved

Attest:


Jenny M Eilermann
Clerk of Council

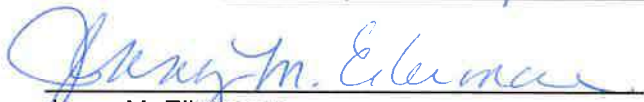
Approved as to form:


Kimberlee Erdman Rohr
Law Director

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, or a succinct summary, was published in the *Cincinnati Court Index*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cheviot, Ohio, in accordance with Section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, on the following dates:

- 1) 9-20-24, 2024, and
- 2) 9-27-24, 2024.


Jenny M. Eilermann
Clerk of Council