

## **COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT**

Policy No. 15  
General Subject: Public Safety  
Specific Subject: Flag Display  
Date Approved: June 20, 1977

### **PURPOSE**

To establish a policy regulating when the flag of the United States and the flag of the City of Park Ridge should be flown at half-staff.

### **RATIONALE**

The City should set an example in the proper display of the flag. In the past, whether or not the flag would be flown at half-staff was not clearly defined. This policy will unify the usage and insure that we properly display the flags.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. The flag of the United States of America should only be flown at half-staff when commanded by:
  - a. The President of the United States
  - b. The Governor of the State of Illinois
2. The general customs and practices for the ordering of the nation flag to half-staff are:
  - a. The death of a principal figure of the United States Government, other officials or foreign dignitaries as a mark of respect to their memory.
  - b. The Governor of the State may proclaim that the national flag be flown at half-staff in the event of the death of a present or former official of the State.
  - c. On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon, then raised to the top of the staff.
3. The flag of the City of Park Ridge should only be flown at half-staff when commanded by:

- a. the Mayor of the City of Park Ridge,
  - b. the City Manager, or
  - c. whenever the flag of the United States is flown at half-staff.
4. The general customs and practices for the ordering of the city flag to be flown at half-staff when The National flag is not, shall be:
- a. the death of a present or former City official,
  - b. the death of a present City employee or retired City employee,
  - c. the death of a distinguished local citizen.

The Mayor or City Manager may also authorize that bunting be hung at the City Hall and/or any other municipal building for deaths under sections (a) and (b) above.