



Flag Flying and Display Policy

The following policy shall regulate the County flagpoles and flags authorized to be flown or otherwise displayed on or over County owned, leased, or otherwise controlled buildings and property:

1. The County's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a public forum for private expression by the public;
2. The flags that the County displays on County flagpoles constitute government speech by the County and that any flags flown on County flagpoles are an expression of McHenry County government's official sentiment and represent McHenry County's support of what those flags represent;
3. The County has a duty pursuant to the Illinois Flag Display Act 5 ILCS 465/1 to display the United States Flag and may also display the MIA flag;
4. The County may also display the State of Illinois flag and the McHenry County flag on County flagpoles;
5. Any "ceremonial flags" may only be displayed with the County Board's approval through the passage, by 2/3 majority, of an ordinance, resolution, or proclamation which shall include language in substantially the following form, "The display of the "ceremonial flag" constitutes government speech by the County. Any "ceremonial flag" flown on County flagpoles are an expression of McHenry County government's official sentiment and represent McHenry County's support of what that flag represents."