

**Meadows of Seven Points  
Home Owners Association**

**Policies and Guidelines**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Approved by</b>	<b>Amended Date</b>
<b>In-Ground Flagpole Installation</b>	<b>February 26, 2015</b>	<b>Meadows Of Seven Points Home Owners Association Board of Directors</b>	<b>July 28, 2015</b>

**Purpose**

To establish a consistent and uniform policy and guideline for the installation of a residential in-ground flagpole.

**Scope**

This policy and guideline shall pertain to all current and future residents of the Meadows of Seven Points who wish to install an in-ground flagpole on their property.

**Authority**

- Meadows of Seven Points Homeowners Association  
<http://www.meadowsofsevenpoints.com/>
- United States Flag Code Title 36 Chapter 10  
<http://www.usflag.org/uscode36.html>
- Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005  
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/109/hr42/text>
- National Flag Foundation <http://nationalflagfoundation.org/index.flash.html>

**General Information**

The United States Flag Code, first adopted in 1923 and later amended, prescribes flag etiquette for a variety of circumstances ensuring that our national symbol is treated properly.

It is a guide for civilians who wish to properly honor the United States of America's principle emblem.

This HOA In-Ground Flagpole Installation Policy reflects the National Flag Foundation's (NFF) explanation of the United States Flag Code in layman's language. The NFF is recognized as the foremost authority (in the world) on the United States flag.

- The installation of an in-ground flagpole should complement the landscape of the neighborhood as well as the individual house and lot.
- An in-ground flagpole should not create an audible disturbance to surrounding neighbors

## **Flagpole Location**

### Desired Location on Lot

- Front elevation, street facing corner of garage, close to garage door
- In the vicinity of the mailbox and lamp post to promote a grouping effect
- Inside the concrete walkway that leads from the driveway to the front door
- The HOA Architectural Committee will work with the homeowner to recommend an alternative site if the desired location isn't possible

### Distance From House

- The flagpole must be far enough away so that the 3 X 5 foot flag does not touch the house, any other vertical surface, or any other objects such as the gutters, trees, shrubs, etc. <http://www.usflag.org/uscode36.html>
- Minimum of 6 feet
- Maximum of 10 feet

## **Installation Method**

- Must be anchored in concrete
- Usually 2 feet deep and 2 feet in diameter
- The flagpole must be set in a sleeve that allows easy removal or replacement

## **Landscaping around flagpole**

- Avoid any type of plant or vine that would climb the flagpole

## **Pole**

### Height

- The height of the pole shall be determined by and proportionate to the top of the highest gutter line of the garage elevation of the house
- The average height of the pole will be approximately 15 to 18 feet but may vary slightly due to the design of the house
- The maximum height shall not exceed 20 feet

### Diameter

- Minimum diameter of 2 inches
- Maximum diameter of 3 inches



### Construction Standards

- Aluminum, fiberglass, steel, or composite
- Single flag capability
- Sectional or tapered one piece
- Residential application

### Color

- Black, to coordinate with existing black mailboxes, black lamp posts, black street signs, and black entrance sign
- Ball finial on top of flagpole may be black, silver, or gold

### **Halyard (Rope)**

- Black, to coordinate with the black flag pole, existing black mailboxes, black lamp posts, black street signs, and black entrance sign
- Most all flag pole kits come with a standard white halyard. Replacing the white halyard with a black halyard is inexpensive and the rope can be purchased at Lowe's, Home Depot, or other similar stores.

## Lighting

- The flagpole must be illuminated from dusk until dawn in order to be visible from a reasonable distance with appropriately sized solar or hard-wired lights  
<http://www.usflag.org/uscode36.html>
- Proper lighting must be maintained at all times

## One Flag

- Only the Official United States Flag may be flown from the in-ground flagpole
- Industry standards recommend a 3 X 5 foot flag on poles from 15-20 feet
- An embroidered all weather flag must be used for inclement weather and 24 hour display  
<http://www.usflag.org/uscode36.html>
- A flag must be retired and replaced when it becomes worn, faded, weathered, wind torn, or damaged in such a way that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display. It should be destroyed in a dignified way.  
<http://www.usflag.org/uscode36.html>

## Wind Noise

- Wind noise dampening devices must be used on halyard and/or flag clips
- In an effort to control and/or eliminate wind noise and to prevent pole damage on extremely windy days, the flag can be temporarily removed from the pole
- The National Weather Service and Beaufort Scale Wind Speed Description:
  - 25-31 mph Strong Breeze / Large tree branches swaying
  - 32-38 mph Moderate Gale / Whole trees swaying
  - 39-46 mph Fresh Gale / Tree limbs and twigs braking, walking impaired
  - 47-54 mph Strong Gale / Slight structural damage / loose roof shingles may blow off

## Maintenance

- The flagpole must be properly maintained and in good working order at all times
- A flagpole that is bent, rusted, or damaged in any way must be repaired, replaced, or removed

## Additional Information

- To add strength and rigidity to a 3 sectional flag pole, place a slightly smaller diameter galvanized fence post or wooden pole inside the bottom section and then slide the other two over it

## References / Examples

### Flagpoles

- <http://www.annin.com/>
- <http://www.americanflagpole.com/>
- <http://www.gettysburgflag.com/index-poles.php>
- [http://www.aflag.com/Flagpoles for Sale/](http://www.aflag.com/Flagpoles_for_Sale/)

### Lighting Options

- <http://www.gettysburgflag.com/flag-pole-lighting.php>
- [http://www.lowes.com/pd\\_399495-62098-R662\\_0\\_?productId=3691018](http://www.lowes.com/pd_399495-62098-R662_0_?productId=3691018)
- <http://www.homedepot.com/p/Annin-Flagmakers-Solar-Powered-Flagpole-Light-2472/203311133>
- <http://www.eaglemountainflag.com/category/flag-pole-lighting-for-sale.html>

### Wind Noise Dampening Devices

- <http://www.libertyflags.com/silence-your-flagpole/>
- <http://www.flagguys.com/snaphooks.html>
- <http://www.flagamerican.com/FlagpoleSnaps.aspx>
- [http://www.gettysburgflag.com/flag\\_pole\\_parts.php](http://www.gettysburgflag.com/flag_pole_parts.php)

### Beaufort Scale Wind Speed

- [http://www.statman.info/conversions/wind\\_force.html](http://www.statman.info/conversions/wind_force.html)