

## ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

**AN ORDINANCE** rescinding City of Yakima Ordinance 2020-019 and repealing Municipal Code Chapter 1.13 relating to Flag Display.

**WHEREAS**, City of Yakima Ordinance 2020-019 codified Chapter 1.13 of the Yakima Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima City Council at its May 10, 2022 Study Session passed a motion to rescind Ordinance 2020-019; now, therefore,

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 1.13 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code relating to flag display is hereby repealed in its entirety:

#### ~~1.13.010 Definitions.~~

- ~~A. "Banner" means a display similar in shape and size of a flag representative of an entity or organization other than a governmental jurisdiction.~~
- ~~B. "Flag" means the U.S. flag, the Washington State flag, the POW/MIA flag, and the official flag of other governmental jurisdictions such as city, state or national flags.~~
- ~~C. "Half Staff" means the position of the flag when it is one half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.~~
- ~~D. "Mayoral Proclamation" means a formal written declaration issued by the Mayor of the City of Yakima.~~

#### ~~1.13.020 Policies.~~

- ~~A. It is the policy of the City of Yakima to correctly honor the flags of the United States, the State of Washington, the POW/MIA recognition, and flags of other governmental entities and ensure a standard for flag display on City property.~~
- ~~B. The City of Yakima shall comply with national and state protocols for flag display and etiquette, as specified in 4 U.S.C. Ch. 1, Sections 6 through 8, as they presently read or as they may be amended.~~
- ~~C. The City of Yakima shall follow the provisions governing the display of flags as required in RCW 1.20.017.~~
- ~~D. In addition to the above referenced flags, other flags or banners may be displayed on a permanent or temporary basis outside or inside of City of Yakima buildings. Other flags and banners may only be displayed upon the issuance of a federal or state proclamation or resolution or a mayoral proclamation. Examples include Sister City flags, Heritage Month flags (e.g., African American History, Asian/Pacific American~~

~~History, National Hispanic Heritage, National American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage, etc.), flags received in recognition of awards, flags received from visiting groups, or flags designating an event or an accomplishment. All flags and banners will be displayed with the Mayor's authorization as prescribed by the applicable proclamation or resolution.~~

**~~1.13.030 Half-staff.~~**

~~A. Flags shall be flown at half-staff when prescribed by the President of the United States for days of national mourning, by the Governor of the State of Washington, or upon mayoral proclamation. On Memorial Day, the flags are flown at half-staff until 12:00 noon, and raised to the peak for the remainder of the day.~~

~~B. No other authority to raise or lower flags to half-staff is granted.~~

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL,** signed and approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Janice Deccio, Mayor

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

Publication Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_