

Consideration of Displaying the Portuguese Flag



Introduction

Request submitted to display the Portuguese flag at Watsonville Civic Plaza from June 10-June 17.

Portugal Day is celebrated annually on **June 10**, recognizing Portuguese culture and heritage.

Watsonville is home to a significant Portuguese-American community.

Flag display requests are governed by City policy and require Council approval.



Commemorative Flag Policy Overview

- Resolution No. 48-21 established the Commemorative Flag Policy.
- Flags may recognize a nation, historical event, or group when authorized by Council.

Requests must be:

- Sponsored by a Council Member.
- Approved by Council resolution (minimum 4 votes).
- Submitted 45 days in advance.
- Both the City and commemorative flags shall be the same size and not to exceed 4' x 6' when displayed at the same time.



Pride Flag Resolution (June Display)

- Resolution No. 36-21 authorizes the annual display of the Pride Flag.
- Pride Flag is flown in place of the City flag during the entire month of June (Adopted before Flag Policy).
- Celebrates **LGBTQ Pride Month**, aligning with themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Any change to this schedule requires **Council direction**.



Flag Display Considerations

Flag Order (Viewer's Perspective):

- U.S. Flag (position of honor).
- California Flag second.
- Additional flags (e.g., Portuguese and/or Pride) would follow or be displayed below.
- National flags need to be approximately the same size as the U.S. Flag (8'x12') to allow for additional flag spacing.
- Flags must be **weather-resilient and illuminated** to comply with federal code.
- Pride Flag can potentially be relocated or displayed beneath the CA flag, if directed by Council.

