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COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR ACTION

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2026

SUBMITTED TO: COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION

SUBMITTED BY: CHRIS COLE, FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER OF COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE STANDARDIZATION OF A FLAG AND FLAGPOLE POLICY FOR CITY PARKS AND COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES FACILITIES

Statement of Issue:

There is a need to standardize policy governing flagpole height and corresponding flag size within parks and facilities under the purview of the Community & Library Services Department. Establishing a consistent standard is necessary to ensure uniformity, visual compatibility, and appropriate scale across the park system.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action(s):

Approve a standardized flag and flagpole policy for City parks and Community & Library Services facilities, establishing a maximum flag size of 5 feet by 8 feet and a maximum flagpole height of 30 feet.

Analysis:

The request to standardize flag and flagpole policy for City parks and Community & Library Services facilities was originally presented to the Community & Library Services Commission for action at its January 14, 2026, meeting. At that meeting, the Commission voted to table the item to allow for the review of additional information and further analysis. This item is now being brought back before the Commission for consideration.

Over the past several years, the City has experienced an increase in requests to install flagpoles within parks, and interest in additional flagpoles throughout the park system continues. To ensure consistency, public safety, and compatibility, particularly within neighborhood park settings, staff recommends the adoption of a standardized flag and flagpole policy.

Flagpoles installed within City parks and Community & Library Services facilities shall be limited to a maximum height of thirty (30) feet, with accompanying flags not to exceed five (5) feet by eight (8) feet. These standards are intended to ensure consistency, safety, and visual compatibility within neighborhood park settings and shall apply to all current and future installations.

Parks that currently house flagpoles include 17th Street Park, Blufftop Park, Lake Park, Baca Park, Wardlow Park, LeBard Park, and Marina Park. Any existing flagpoles that exceed the maximum height established by this policy are considered legally existing installations and are not subject to modification or removal as a result of this action.

All flagpole installations shall comply with City of Huntington Beach Public Works standards, applicable codes, and accepted industry practices. Public Works review shall be limited to structural, safety, and installation requirements and shall not authorize deviations from the maximum height or flag size established by this policy.

Any requests for alternative standards at civic, coastal, community, or regional facilities shall require separate legislative action.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with the approval of a standardized flag and flagpole policy.

Environmental Status:

Administrative Items:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment do not constitute a project.

Attachment(s):

- 1) Current flags and flagpoles (presented at the January 14, 2026 meeting)