

Alternative Action(s):

Do not adopt Ordinance No. 4283.

Analysis:

On February 7, 2023, the City Council directed the City Attorney to return with an ordinance related to the City's display of government flags on City property. City Council direction included limiting the City's display of flags on City property to the following governmental flags: United States, State of California, City of Huntington Beach, and POW/MIA flags. The City would also be permitted to display the County of Orange and the six branches of the military flags on City property, as needed basis.

Proposed Ordinance No. 4283 would accomplish the direction provided above. Furthermore, it states that it does not limit the free speech of any individual or business by flying any flag they choose on private or public property, so long as it is flown in accordance with existing laws.

If approved, a second reading of Ordinance No. 4283 would return to City Council on March 7, 2023 for adoption, and the ordinance would go into effect 30 days thereafter. At that time, the City would also update Administrative Regulation 705 (Citywide Flag Policy) accordingly.

Environmental Status:

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

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance No. 4283
2. Presentation Deck