

Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project

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Flags and Flagpoles

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Current Regulations

- All lots are limited to three flags per lot
- No size limits for flags
- Flagpoles are exempt from height requirements
- Flagpoles are permitted in any front yard
- In side and rear yards, flagpoles are subject to location regulations for accessory structures
- Similar to signs, content regulations are not allowed



Typical Size Recommendations

Flagpole Height	Flag Size
House-mounted	1 <i>5</i> SF
20 feet	15 – 24 SF
25 feet	24 – 40 SF
30 feet	40 – 60 SF
40 feet	60 – 96 SF
50 feet	96 – 150 SF
60 feet	150 – 375 SF



Surrounding Jurisdictions

Stafford County

Height of flagpole must meet the zoning district height limitation

City of Fairfax

Height of flagpole must meet the zoning district height limitation; three flags are permitted, each up to 40 SF

Arlington County

35-foot height limitation; two flags permitted on one- and two-family lots, three flags permitted on all other lots, each up to 60 SF in size (with a cumulative total of 180 SF on two poles)

Proposed Regulations

New standards:

- Limit the height of flagpoles to 25 feet on singlefamily lots and 60 feet on all other lots
- Require a five-foot front setback
- Limit single-family lots to two flags, each limited to a maximum size of 24 SF [advertised ranges from two – three flags and 15 – 40 SF]
- Carry forward current limit of three flags to all other lots, each limited to a maximum size of 96
 SF [advertised range from 96 - 216 SF]



