

## **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 – 1 <i>5</i> 0 SF          |
| 60 feet         | 1 <i>5</i> 0 – 3 <i>75</i> 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]



