



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

Establishing the County's Policy for Displaying Flags

WHEREAS, several local governments around the United States have encountered contentious issues concerning the display of flags on their property; and,

WHEREAS, these disputes have resulted in costly litigation; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Roosevelt County and its citizens to avoid such costly litigation,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT ROOSEVELT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING POLICY FOR THE DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON ITS PROPERTY AND DURING COUNTY EVENTS:

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for: the exhibition of the flag of the United States of America, the New Mexico State flag, the Roosevelt County Flag from County buildings and at County events, and, and the display of ceremonial flags.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Roosevelt County that flags should be displayed in conformance with Federal and State policies, as stated in the Federal "Our Flag" publication of the Congress, House Document No. 109-18.

In order to establish a policy with respect to the locations and days when the United States of America, New Mexico State, and Roosevelt County flags should be displayed, the following standards should be followed. The Facilities Manager is responsible for ensuring the proper execution of this policy at County facilities.

STANDARDS

A. Federal, State and County Flags

1. Outdoor flags will be flown at County facilities in the following order of precedence: first, the United States flag; second, the New Mexico State flag; and third, the Roosevelt County flag.
2. Weather permitting, flags should be displayed daily in front of or at a location near the County Building.



3. Flags should not be displayed in inclement weather. However, all-weather flags may be flown on a 24-hour basis as long as they are illuminated from sunset to sunrise.
4. The County Building flags shall be all-weather flags, shall be flown on a 24-hour basis, and shall be illuminated at night.
5. The Roosevelt County flag will be flown wherever there are sufficient poles to do so in accordance with #2 above. The County flag may be displayed on the same pole with, and underneath the State flag, whenever the pole is of sufficient height. The Federal, State, and County flags shall not be flown on a single pole of any height.
6. New County facilities where any flags are to be flown shall be constructed with a sufficient number of poles to allow the County flag to be flown.
7. Indoor County flags shall be displayed at a minimum in the County Commission Chambers and at any other location where the County Commission is hosting an official meeting.
8. On recognized Federal and/or State holidays, and on other special occasions as listed below, flags should be flown from all locations listed in paragraph A-2 above.

1. Third Monday in January, Martin Luther King's birthday
2. Third Monday in February, Presidents' Day
3. Last Monday in May, Memorial Day.
4. June 14, Flag Day
5. July 4, Independence Day
6. First Monday in September, Labor Day
7. November 11, Veteran's Day
8. State holidays
9. Special occasions of Federal, State and local proclamation

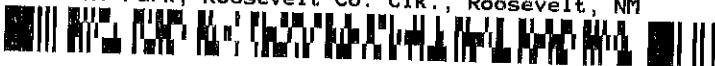
9. Flags at all County facilities shall be displayed in accordance with the above standards. However, the County Manager may order flags to be lowered to half-staff including, but not limited to flags of the United States of America and State of New Mexico in honor of the death of a County employee killed in the line of duty.

NOTE: The United States flag must always be flown by itself when displayed at half-staff.

B. Ceremonial Flags

The County's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The following flags may be displayed by the County as an expression of the County's official sentiments:

1. Flags of Governments Recognized by the United States. Flags of the governments recognized by the United States may be displayed upon the request of a member of the County Commissioner or the County Manager.
2. Flags Displayed in Conjunction with Official Ceremonial Items: Other flags may be displayed in conjunction with official actions, ceremonial items, or proclamations of the County Commission.



PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 4th of April, 2023 by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:

Paul Grider

Paul Grider, Chair – District V

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Rodney Savage

Rodney Savage, Vice Chair – District II

Voted: Yes No Abstained

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Dennis Lopez – District I

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Roy Lee Criswell

Roy Lee Criswell – District III

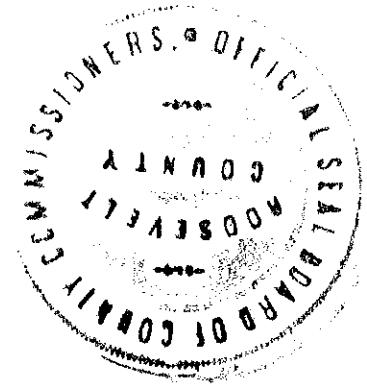
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Tina Dixon

Tina Dixon – District IV

Voted: Yes No Abstained

Mandi M. Park
Mandi Park, Roosevelt County Clerk



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