

Salt Lake County  
County-Wide Policy  
On

**OFFICIAL FLAGS ON COUNTY FACILITIES AND PROPERTY**

**Purpose –**

To establish standards and guidelines for the display of flags outside of Salt Lake County facilities and on Salt Lake County properties.

**References –**

United States Code Title 4, Chapter 1, The Flag

Utah Code Ann. § 63G-1-501

Utah Code Ann. § 17-53-214

**Definitions –**

- 1.1 County Facility – Any structure that houses Salt Lake County programs, activities, and/or personnel.
- 1.2 County Property – Any parcel of real property that is owned or leased by Salt Lake County.
- 1.3 Flag – A depiction or emblem made from fabric, cloth, or similar material, typically oblong or square, attachable by one edge to a pole or rope and intended for public display.
- 1.4 Flag Standard – A permanent display of one or more flag poles used to fly official flags on Salt Lake County facilities or property.

**2.0 Policy**

- 2.1 The following flags may be publicly displayed on Salt Lake County flag standards:
  - a. The Flag of the United States, as provided for and described in United States Code Title 4, Chapter 1, The Flag, or its successor;

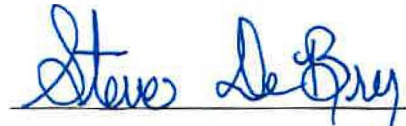
- b. The State Flag of Utah, as provided for and described in Utah Code Ann. § 63G-1-501, or its successor;
  - c. A flag bearing the Seal for Salt Lake County, as established by the Salt Lake County Council pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 17-53-214, or its successor; or a plain white flag bearing Salt Lake County's logo; or an official flag of Salt Lake County should one be designated by County ordinance;
  - d. A flag bearing the Seal for a Salt Lake County elected office, as furnished by the County pursuant to title 17 of Utah Code, Counties, or its successor;
  - e. An official flag of one of the several branches of the United States Armed Forces as defined and established by United States Code;
  - f. An official flag of another nation flown to honor visiting dignitaries or for historical and cultural purposes.
- 2.2 The public display of any other flags on a Salt Lake County flag standard is prohibited.
- 2.3 Pursuant to Salt Lake County Ordinance § 2.08.070, County departments and offices may establish internal policies concerning the display of flags within non-public areas of County facilities or within employee workspaces consistent with applicable law, ordinance, policy, and the public mission of the County. This policy should not be construed as either authorizing or prohibiting the display of flags, decorations, or other forms of visual expression by County officers or employees in non-public workspaces.

### **3.0 Enforcement**

- 3.1 Each County department, office, or agency is primarily responsible for enforcing this policy for their respective facilities and properties.
- 3.2 This policy is intended to apply only to the administration of Salt Lake County government, and it is not intended to abridge any applicable First Amendment rights of residents engaged in expressive conduct at County facilities or on County property that has been recognized as a traditional or designated public forum.

APPROVED AND PASSED THIS 25 DAY OF May, 2021.

Salt Lake County Council



Steve DeBry, Chair

ATTEST:



Sherrie Swensen

Salt Lake County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

 24 May 2021

District Attorney

Date