

Leyden Flag Policy

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Introduction.

This Policy is intended to address flags and banners allowed to be flown or displayed on Town of Leyden flagpoles.

Flags or banners allowed to be flown or displayed.

The Select Board authorizes the following flags or banners to be flown or displayed on Town-owned property, as an official expression of the Town's governmental speech, to which the strictures of the First Amendment do not apply:

- The official flag of the United States of America;
- The official flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- The official flag of the Town of Leyden;
- The official MIA-POW flag. This flag will only be flown on the week of Memorial Day and the week of Veterans Day.

In addition, only banners and signs regarding Town business or Town sponsored events can be attached, erected or placed on Town property.

No other flags or banners shall be allowed to be flown or displayed on Town of Leyden-owned property, as those flags and/or banners and this policy are not intended to establish or serve to create a forum for private expression.

Requests to fly any additional flags on Town property (flags listed above) must come before the Select Board.

Town Employees that are approved to raise and/or lower town flags.

- Town Custodian, or appointed replacement, for Town Hall and Town Office;
- Chair of recreation Committee, or appointed replacement, for Avery Field.

Town flag poles that are considered town property.

- Town Office;
- Town Hall;
- Avery Field;
- All signs on town property (Avery Field, Town Common, Town Office and Right to Farm) are considered in this policy and none fly a flag.

Occasions the flag can be flown at half-staff.

- When the Federal or Commonwealth government issues a declaration that applies to municipalities.

