

CITY OF CHEVIOT STATE OF OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 26-05

TO AMEND ORDINANCE 24-19, AND TO ADOPT UPDATED STANDARDS FOR FLAGS ON CITY'S PUBLIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 24-19, this Council adopted certain standards for flags displayed on City-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to amend the standards set forth in Ordinance 24-19, namely to authorize the City to fly flags or pennants, other than those identified in the prior Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this Council intends that the City's Updated Flag Standards only apply to flag poles on City- owned property and does not in any way, shape, or form infringe upon the fundamental right of an individual or business in the City of Cheviot from displaying any flag or pennant on their private property at any time or to engage in their free speech, as protected by the Constitution of the United States of America or the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Cheviot adopts the following Updated Flag Standards, which shall apply to flag poles on City-owned properties.

Section 2. The City of Cheviot may fly the following flags on flag poles on City-owned properties: American flag, State of Ohio flag, the Cheviot flag, the Prisoner of War flag, Purple Heart flag, Missing in Action flag.

Section 3. Flags and pennants may be flown as an expression of the City Government's official sentiments. Flags or pennants, other than those identified in Section 2, may be displayed at the request of the Mayor or by vote of the City Council, on a case-by-case basis, consistent with a determination that flying that flag or pennant is government speech

Section 4. The City's Flagpoles are not intended to serve as a public forum for public speech, but is to be used strictly for government speech.

Section 5. Flags flown by the City shall be all-weather flags, shall be flown on a 24-hour basis and shall be illuminated at night.

Section 6. The Flag Standards shall be enforced and executed by the Safety-Service Director.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.



Stefanie Hawk

2/17/2024

Date passed

President of Council



Samuel D. Keller
Mayor

2-17-26

Date approved

Attest:



Jenny M Eilermann
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form:


Kimberlee Erdman Rohr
Law Director

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, or a succinct summary, was published in the *Cincinnati Court Index*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cheviot, Ohio, in accordance with Section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, on the following dates:

- 1) 2/30, 2026, and
- 2) 2/27, 2026.



Jenny M. Eilermann
Clerk of Council