

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Section 7.66 of Article 10.5, Chapter 1, Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to allow the City to raise and display specified flags at City facilities.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 7.66 of Article 10.5, Chapter 1, Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**Sec. 7.66. Flag Raising.**

Unless otherwise specified herein, there shall be no flag raised or displayed on a City flagpole, nor any flag-raising ceremony at Los Angeles City Hall, any facility designated as a branch of City Hall, including City Hall East and City Hall South, or any other City facility with infrastructure for raising flags, except for the flag of the United States, the flag of the State of California, the flag of the City of Los Angeles, and the recognized flag of the prisoners of war and missing in action (POW/MIA). In addition, the following flags may be raised and displayed by the City, whether on a City flagpole or displayed elsewhere on City property, as an expression of the City's official sentiments:

- A. The flags of Official Sister Cities of Los Angeles, if the raising or display is in conjunction with an event involving the Sister City; and
- B. Other flags, if the raising or display is in conjunction, or in accordance, with official actions, ceremonial events, proclamations, or resolutions of the Mayor or the City Council.

The flagpoles at Los Angeles City Hall, any facility designated as a branch of City Hall, including City Hall East and City Hall South, or any other City facility with infrastructure for raising flags, are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The City Council may, by order or resolution, subject to the approval of the Mayor, delegate authority to an officer or department of the City to adopt procedures, rules, and regulations controlling the raising of the flags specified above. Any such procedures, rules, or regulations shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney prior to implementation to ensure that City flagpoles and flag displays are used solely to express the City's official sentiments and do not serve as a public forum.


**Sec. 2. URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City Council finds and declares that the ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety. Under the existing flag policy, the City is limited to displaying only the flag of the United States, the flag of the State of California, the flag of the City of Los Angeles, and the recognized flag of the prisoners of war and missing in action (POW/MIA). June is

Pride Month, timed to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising. Recently, the federal government passed legislation that prohibits the flying of the Pride flag over a “facility of the United States Department of State” including all embassies. Similarly, in recent days, local jurisdictions in other parts of the State of California have taken action to ban the flying of the Pride flag at their own government facilities. The City Council finds and declares that the display of the Progress Pride Flag during LGBTQIA+ Pride Month demonstrates that the City of Los Angeles will continue to lead on protecting and acknowledging LGBTQIA+ rights. The City Council further finds and declares that the display of the Progress Pride Flag promotes inclusion and the mental health of the City’s residents who feel safety and protection by being supported and recognized by the City of Los Angeles. The City Council, therefore, adopts this ordinance to become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 253.

Sec. 3 The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_