

# City of Framingham



The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2022-103

## REQUEST OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUBCOMMITTEE AND COUNCILOR LONG

UPON THE REQUEST OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUBCOMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR LONG, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council consider the suspension of the prohibition of flags under Article VII Signs and Historic District: *Section 1.6 Prohibited Signs, Section 1.6.3 Balloons, inflatable devices or flags use for advertising or commercial purposes* for a period of two years, as attached.

### FIRST READING

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Stefanini, Steiner, Stewart-Morales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing  
PASSED IN COUNCIL: September 20, 2022

### SECOND READING

YEAS: Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Stefanini, Steiner  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Alexander, Bryant, Stewart-Morales  
PASSED IN COUNCIL: October 6, 2022

A True Record, Attest:

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10/7/2022  
Date Approved  
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Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk  
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

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10/11/22  
Date Approved  
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Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor

**Planning & Zoning Subcommittee Chair, Christine Long**

**9/20/22**

**Language of the amendment in consideration of the suspension of the prohibition of flags under Article VII Signs and Historic District:**

That the City Council approve the following parameters to amend Article VII Section 1.6.3 by permanently deleting the prohibition of flags as recommended by the Building Commissioner. The terms "or flags" shall be deleted by inserting the word "and" between "balloons" and "inflatables." Further, the following parameters be adopted: That only one flag per business shall be allowed that is not to exceed 5' x 7' in size and shall be mounted on a portable stand that allows the sign to be displayed only during the respective business hours of operations and removed at all other times. The flag is prohibited from being affixed to a building and shall not be located in the public right of way that requires providing a 3' clearance in order to maintain accessibility for all users. Therefore, the flag prohibition shall be removed from all business/commercial/manufacturing districts but will remain in effect in all residential and general residential districts.