



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: MAY 16, 2023
DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION
FROM: PATRICIA M. BARAJAS, CITY CLERK
TITLE: DISPLAY OF COMMEMORATIVE FLAG – PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the display of a commemorative Progress Pride Flag at City Hall from June 1, 2023, thru June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the display of a commemorative Progress Pride Flag at City Hall from June 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, in accordance with the City’s Administrative Memorandum 70-05.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Salinas established Administrative Memorandum 70-05, Display of Federal, State, City and Ceremonial Flags at City Building on April 15, 1970. The Memorandum was updated in 1983, 2004 and 2021 to conform with Federal and State statues. The current policy requires approval of a Resolution of the City Council in order to display commemorative flags on City flagpoles. In keeping with past practice, the City Council is asked to consider authorization to raise the Progress Pride Flag during the month of June.

BACKGROUND:

The Stonewall Riots or Stonewall Rebellion in New York are considered the catalyst for the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement in the United States. The month of June is annually celebrated as LGBT Pride month to coincide with the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. This is the second request the city has received to display a commemorative flag at a City facility. Administrative Memorandum 70-05 established clear guidelines on the display of commemorative flags at City Hall given First Amendment concerns. The Memorandum also states that City flagpoles are not intended to be a forum for free expression by the public. Display of the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall during the month of June must be considered and approved by Resolution of the City Council.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approval and display of a commemorative Progress Pride Flag supports the City Council's Strategic Goal of Effective and Culturally Responsive Government by promoting diversity, equity and inclusion.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The display of the Progress Flag requires coordination with the Public Works and Administration respectively to accommodate the display in accordance with the City's policy. Additionally, there is ongoing coordination with the Community Relations Manager to promote and commemorate the raising of the flag on June 1, 2023.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No fiscal impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Flag Policy

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPLAY OF A COMMEMORATIVE
PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG AT CITY HALL FROM JUNE 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30, 2022**

WHEREAS, of Salinas established Administrative Memorandum 70-05, Display of Federal, State, City and Ceremonial Flags at City Building on April 15, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the current Administrative Memorandum updated in 2021 requires approval of a Resolution of the City Council in order to display commemorative flags on City flagpoles; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas City Council wishes to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots or Stonewall Rebellion which inspired the movement for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) civil rights in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the display of the Progress Pride Flag, serves to express the City’s official commemoration of this important event in U.S. History and its commitment to celebrating diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council hereby authorizes and supports the display of the commemorative Progress Pride Flag on the City flagpole located in front of City Hall from June 1 to June 30, 2023 in accordance with Administrative Memorandum 70-05.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of May 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Kimbley Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk