



**CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM

CASE NO **REV-2013-01**

Review of Chapter 17 provisions regarding flags.

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STAFF COMMENTS

The City Commission has requested that the Community Development Board review Chapter 17 (Signs and Advertising Structures) provisions and make a recommendation as to the regulation of flags. In the past, it has been staff's interpretation that only US flags are exempt from sign regulations. The following sections of the code are pertinent to this discussion, as may be additional sections, attached.

Section 17-2 – Definitions and references to other chapters within this code.

Flag: A piece of cloth or similar material having a distinctive size, color, and design used as a symbol, standard, signal and other similar items of recognition and may include insignias of governmental, religious, charitable, fraternal, or other organizations. Any flag and pole or attachment that frequently holds a flag shall be deemed a permanent flag. This definition of flag shall not include the flag of the United States of America.

Pennant: Any small, single flag-like piece of cloth, plastic or paper attached to any staff, cord, building, or other structure at only one (1) or two (2) edges, the remaining hanging loosely; lacking the insignia of a flag.

Section 17-42 – Prohibited signs and devices.

The following signs and devices shall be prohibited within the City of Atlantic Beach. In the case of any conflict with other provisions of this Code, the prohibitions set forth below shall supersede such other conflicting provisions.

- (11) Pennants, ribbons, balloons, streamers, wind-operated devices and similar elements that are intended to draw attention to a business or activity, either when used alone or incorporated into a sign.

ATTACHMENTS

- Section 17-2 – Definitions (particularly *advertising message, exempt sign, flag, pennant, public sign, sign*)
- Section 17-26 – Exempt signs
- Section 17-27 – General provisions applying to all permitted signs
- Section 17-42 – Prohibited signs and devices