

# THE RECORD

## IMPOUNDMENTS

# New standard

## Florence City Council brings sign code up to flag protocol

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On March 16, city staff presented the Florence City Council with updates to the Sign Code, specifically to bring flagpole height and flag size within standards set by flag protocol.

Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell said, "The total number of allowable square feet of flags permitted on properties that are not government or quasi-governmental properties ... is 40 square feet. Right now, if you have a couple flagpoles on your business site, you can presently have two flags that are 3 by 5 feet, but you could not have more than one at 8 by 5 feet." City code did not take flag tradition into account, FarleyCampbell said.

"Flag protocol states that flags that are flown should fly at a size that is a quarter of the length of the pole. So if you have a 40-foot-high pole, then the appropriate flag size to fly is 6 by 10 feet," she said.

Governmental or quasi-governmental institutions, such as

museums and memorials, are allowed to have a 40-foot-high pole. In residential sign districts, flagpoles have to be 28 feet high.

"What staff has suggested is a maximum size of 60 square feet for government flags, with the exception of holidays, when they could fly an 8- by 12-foot flag," she said.

Mayor Joe Henry asked, "That gets us in line with all the current flag protocols?"

FarleyCampbell assured him. "If the council wanted to go in that direction, we could add basically, anybody that has a 40-foot flag pole can fly a 6- by 10- foot flag," she said. The council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance. "I like big flags," Henry said.

The updated sign code now reads: "Flags, pennants and banners located on nonresidential sign district properties may fly 60 square feet in area per flag."

The code also allows one U.S. flag not to exceed 96 square feet to be flown on national holidays.



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## WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 17	55	45	0.28
March 18	61	43	0.05
March 19	63	42	0.00
March 20	59	43	0.48
March 21	59	45	0.05
March 22	55	44	0.50
March 23	54	44	1.60

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