

Legislation Text

Int. No. 279

By Council Members Felder and Oddo; also Council Members Koppell and Gentile

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation exempting business and homeowners from the requirement of obtaining a permit to post a non-commercial flag.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of legislative findings and intent. The Council finds that displaying a flag is a representation of national pride. The Council further finds that national pride is a strong virtue that should be encouraged and nurtured. Requiring people to obtain a permit to post a flag is an undue burden that the City of New York should lift.

§ 2. Section 19-125 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (f) as follows:

f. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, under the following conditions, a homeowner or business owner shall be exempt from any requirement to obtain a permit or pay a fee to install a flagpole or fly a flag:

- 1. Such flag cannot bear the symbol or information about a commercial entity.
- 2. Such flagpole must be at least ten feet high.
- 3. Such flag must be no larger than three feet wide by five feet long.
- 4. Such flagpole must be portable/removable.
- 5. Such flag and flagpole may not be posted or flown earlier than dawn and must be removed no

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later than dusk.

- 6. Such flagpole must be placed no less than twelve inches and no more than eighteen inches from the curb.
- 7. The owner of such flag and flagpole must comply with all reasonable insurance requirements.

§ 3. Effective date. This local law shall become effective upon its enactment into law and its provisions shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2002.