

Legislation Text

Int. No. 207

By Council Members Felder, Gennaro and Weprin

A Local Law to To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to exempting businesses 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. <u>Such flagpole must be at least ten feet high.</u>
- 3. <u>Such flag must be no larger than three feet wide by five feet long.</u>
- 4. <u>Such flagpole must be portable/removable.</u>
- 5. <u>Such flag and flagpole may not be posted or flown earlier than dawn and must be removed no</u> <u>later than dusk.</u>

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

§3. Effective date. This local law shall become effective upon its enactment into law and its provisions shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2004.

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