

ORDINANCE NO. **BG2020 - 18**

ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2  
(ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CITY OF  
BOWLING GREEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO  
ADOPT FLAG STANDARDS IN SUBCHAPTER 2-  
1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS)

WHEREAS, the City of Bowling Green has officially adopted a City Flag and City Seal, but has not adopted any standards related to the flying of flags on City owned or leased properties; and,

WHEREAS, the City honors the flags of the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Bowling Green and wishes to develop standards for the proper display of flags on City property; and,

WHEREAS, these standards are in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as follows:

1. Chapter 2 (Administration) is hereby amended as follows:

2-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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2-1.02 Official City Flag and City Seal, Flag Standards.

The City adopted as its official flag and seal on September 17, 1996, the flag and seal designed by Dianne Howerton and Gil Stengel which is a depiction of the fountain in Fountain Square Park located in downtown Bowling Green with the wording, "Founded in 1798" located above the fountain, and further adopted that the flag shall have a solid forest green background with the fountain shown in white.

Three colors may be used with the seal: black, white and green (PMS 349). The shape of the seal shall remain a perfect circle and shall not be distorted. There shall be no text or graphics added to or taken away from the seal that would essentially change the seal or create a new seal. The seal shall be used in its entirety or not at all.

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The United States flag, the Commonwealth of Kentucky flag and the City of Bowling Green flag may be displayed at City owned or leased properties. Other flags or banners may be permanently or temporarily displayed upon approval of the Board of Commissioners.

The City of Bowling Green shall comply with national and state standards for flag displays and etiquette, including the U.S. Flag Code and Commonwealth of Kentucky standards. Flags shall be flown at half-mast when prescribed by the President of the United States, the Governor of Kentucky or the Board of Commissioners. Flags may only be removed during temporary construction when construction activities may impact the flags, on retirement of the flags, on approval of the Board of Commissioners or in compliance with the U.S. Flag Code and the Commonwealth of Kentucky standards.

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2. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and, if any section, phrase or provision shall, for any reason, be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

3. All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances or parts of any Municipal Order or Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

4. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on July 7, 2020, and given final reading on July 21, 2020, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

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ADOPTED: July 21, 2020

APPROVED: Brian Wilkins  
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Ashley Jackson  
City Clerk

SPONSORED BY: Brian "Slim" Nash, Commissioner