

Flagpole Regulations

Zoning Districts

All zoning districts allow for flags in accordance with the regulations below.

Size

- The allowable size of a United States flag is dependent upon the height of the flagpole as listed in the table below.
- Flags bearing the official design of any other nation, state, municipality, institution or commercial or noncommercial organization cannot exceed 24 square feet.

Height

The height of any flagpole shall not be greater than the distance to the nearest property line.

Location

- Flagpoles may be located within any required front or exterior side yard. Such poles must be located no closer to a public right-of-way than half (1/2) the distance between the right-of-way and the principal building.
- Flagpoles must be installed on your own property. It is the property owner's responsibility to determine the location of property lines and to verify that the flagpole being installed is within those property lines. The City of Novi does not intervene in property line disputes between adjacent homeowners or provide survey services.
- Flagpoles may need to be approved by the Subdivision Homeowner's Association (HOA) if applicable. Many HOA's have more restrictive requirements than the City of Novi, it is important that you verify the covenants and deed restrictions of your association prior to erecting any flagpole.

Number of Flags

- Generally no more than two flagpoles, in addition to one United States flag, will be allowed on a commercial or industrial parcel of land.
- Exceptions for additional flags are possible on property zoned Town Center. The exceptions would be based upon the inclusion of decorative amenities or building size.
- Limits on the number of flagpoles do not apply to single-family residences or to any apartment dwelling when the flags are located within an area leased by the resident and not within any common area.

Building Permit

A building permit is required for any new flagpole. A link to the application is provided below.

Flagpole Maintenance

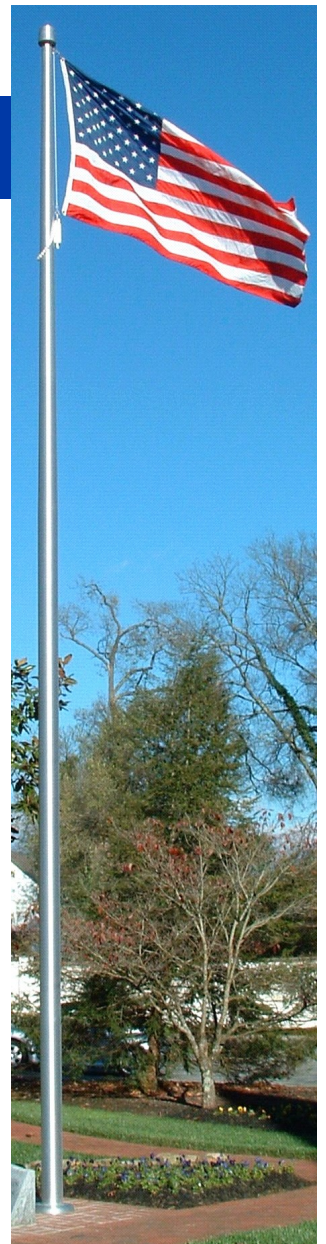
All flagpoles shall be maintained in good condition, free of significant corrosion, tears, fraying, peeling paint or finish and other damage or deterioration.

Prohibited

Banners, pennants, spinners and streamers are not allowed.

Illumination

American flags may be illuminated. The lighting should be directed away from roadways, traffic areas and adjacent residential properties.



Max. Size for U.S. Flags

Height (feet)	Max. Size (square feet)
60-65	135
50-59	96
40-49	72
30-39	50
20-29	30
Under 20	15

Complete Regulations

Refer to the [Sign Code](#) and [Zoning Ordinance](#) for complete regulations

Application

A permit for the flagpole foundation is required [Permit Application](#)

Fee

\$210 commercial, \$85 residential

Inspections

One footing inspection (commercial)



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