



ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO FLAGPOLES ON CITY HALL GROUNDS

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

The City of Nashua ordains that Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 5 “Administration of Government”, Part I “General Provision” Article I “Miscellaneous Provision” Section 5-4 “City lands and buildings” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be hereby further amended by adding the new underlined language as follows:

“§ 5-4. City lands and buildings.

...

- I. The flagpoles on City Hall grounds, including on the plaza in front of City Hall, are exclusively controlled by city government. The City shall determine what flags will be flown and during what time periods and does not seek input from any other sources. The flagpoles are not for use by the public or any private individuals or entities for expression but are solely for city government to convey messages it chooses. The term “citizens flagpole” is disavowed and shall not be used by any city employee to refer to any flagpole on City Hall grounds. Such flagpoles are not public fora. To the extent any such flagpole has ever been a public forum or a limited public forum, the forum is closed.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2026

ORDINANCE:

O-26-001

PURPOSE:

Relative to Flagpoles on City Hall Grounds

SPONSOR(S):

Mayor Jim Donchess

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE:

No Fiscal Impact .

ANALYSIS

This Ordinance makes clear that Flagpoles on City Hall Grounds are for City Government use and are not public forum.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By: _____

Date: January 7, 2026