Flags

Chapter 191-24: Flags.

A. One flag shall be permitted for each storefront or building.
B. Any displayed flag shall be installed so that the bottom edge of the flag shall be at least seven feet above the pavement, walkway, sidewalk, and/or step.
C. The flag may be displayed only for decorative purposes and/or for an expression of patriotism.
D. The flag may be displayed on a flagpole mounted to the exterior of a building or storefront or mounted freestanding.
E. The flag dimensions shall not exceed three feet in width, five feet in length and a total area of 15 square feet.
F. A business that has an exterior display of merchandise or a restaurant that has a bill-of-fare easel shall not be permitted to display a flag. This flag display prohibition does not apply to the display of the flag of the United States of America.
G. A sign permit is not required for the display of a flag.
H. The location of the flagpole on the storefront or building or freestanding shall be approved by the designated Historic Preservation Commission representative.
I. This section does not apply to and does not prohibit and/or regulate the display of flags on a single-family residence, two-family residence and on any federal, state, or local governmental structure or building.

The above rules are enforceable as they are from the Borough of Haddonfield’s Code of Ordinances and can be viewed online at http://ecode360.com/10203440.

United States Flag Code

- When displaying the flag on the front of a house, the flag can be flown on either the left or the right. Display of the flag is a judgment call and you are encouraged to find a place of prominence to display it. If you chose to fly a second flag, however, the US flag must be on the viewer’s left of the other flag, as you approach the house.
- When flying the US flag with other flags on side to side poles, the US flag should be flown on the leftmost pole.
- When flying multiple flags on side to side poles but the center pole is taller, the US flag should be flown on the center (and higher) pole as this is the position of prominence.
- When flying the US flag and another country’s flag, they should be flown from separate poles of the same height. The flags should also be of approximately equal size. (Section 7g of the Flag Code states: “International usage forbids the display of one nation above that of another nation in time of piece.”)
- The Flag Code does not require private citizens to fly the US flag and does not forbid citizens from displaying a foreign flag.
- The American flag may be flown at night if it is properly illuminated. If it is not illuminated, it should be retired at sunset.
- You may never place a company or advertisement flag on the same pole as the US flag.

Please note that the above rules are not enforceable for private citizens and are part of a voluntary guide to ensure proper respect for the flag. For additional reading please go to http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/faq.htm.