

Good morning,

I have received your request.

Included in this reply is Jennifer Rand, the town administrator. She will be able to answer your questions.

Best,

Tara

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From: Robert W. Joyce <rwj@rwjoyce.com>
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 5:17 PM
To: Robert W. Joyce <rwj@rwjoyce.com>
Subject: Request to Fly a Pro-Life Flag in Your Municipality

Dear City/Town Official,

I am communicating this request on behalf of The Pro-Life Legal Defense Fund, Inc. (PLLDF), a Massachusetts non-profit corporation which has been protecting life from conception through natural death for more than 50 years. I am a current director of PLLDF. I have been authorized by PLLDF's President, Colbe Mazzarella, to deal with you directly on behalf of PLLDF.

I have also been authorized by Harold ("Hal") Shurtleff, Director and Co-Founder of Camp Constitution, a New Hampshire public charitable trust, to inform you that Camp Constitution is supportive of this PLLDF project. As you may know, Camp Constitution successfully challenged the unconstitutional decision by the City of Boston to deny its application to raise a flag at Boston City Hall. The Supreme Court of the United States issued its unanimous decision in 2022.

PLLDF requests permission to raise a pro-life flag in your municipality. The general form of the flag is illustrated in the attachment to this email. The specifics of the proposed flag are that its dimensions will be 4'x8' with the lettering within the outermost circle reading: "PRO-LIFE," then, "PRO-MOTHER," then, "PRO-FATHER," and then, "PRO-CHILD."

In order to commence this effort, we are requesting your prompt responses to the following clear questions:

- (1) Do you have a flagpole on public property in your city/town?

(2) If you have a flagpole on public property in your city/town, do you have an official written or declared policy regarding who can fly a flag on your municipality's flagpole? If so, please provide us with your official written or declared policy.

(3) Will you allow the flying of the attached image on a 4'x8' pro-life flag, with the suggested lettering within the outermost circle, on your public flagpole?

(4) Who is/are the appropriate municipal officials to whom we should address a request to fly a pro-life flag on your public flagpole? Please provide the name, title, office, physical address, email address, and telephone number of each such person.

Thank you very much, and I look forward to your prompt response.

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