STONEHURST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Position Number 5 Revision 0 (BODP-5)
Flag Policy

Whereas the Bylaws for the Stonehurst Homeowners Association (HOA) state in Section 6.1(i) that the Board of Directors shall have power to do anything necessary or desirable, including, but not limited to, establishing any rules and regulations which the Association deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the Association as set forth therein or as permitted by law; and

Whereas the HOA Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements (CCRs) state in Section 7.11 that:
"No noxious, offensive or illegal activities shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which is or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the owners of other Lots."

The Board has concluded that some types of flags are offensive and an annoyance, and therefore are a violation of CCR Section 7.11.

The Board has approved the following as the Stonehurst HOA Flag Policy:

1. All proposed flagpoles are an "Improvement" as described in CCR Article V, and must be submitted for review and approval by the Architectural Committee. The form for submittal is on the HOA website, www.StonehurstEasley.org, under HOA Documents. However, small posts no taller than 32 inches and no wider than 20 inches and designed to hold "garden flags" are not required to be submitted for review.
2. Flags shall be no larger than 4.5 feet by 6 feet.
3. The United States flag must be flown as described in the pamphlet "Guidelines For Display of the Flag", available electronically from the Veterans Affairs website at www.va.gov, type the title in the search box.
4. Flags must not show any of the symbols in the "Hate Symbols Database", alone or in combination. The database is maintained by the Anti-Defamation League (www.adl.org), and can be found at the links to Resources, Hate Symbols Database. For example, the Confederate Flag is on this list, while the Gadsden Flag (Don't Tread On Me) is not. The Board understands that some people feel that the Confederate Flag is a symbol of their heritage, but in the modern era it has been co-opted by white supremacists as a symbol of hate.

This Board position was adopted by the Board on September 11, 2024 and is effective immediately.

Signed:

President: John Boska Date 9/11/2024