a) *Purpose*. The purpose of this Policy is to establish guidelines for the display by the City of New Britain at City Hall of (1) flags of governments with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations, and (2) other flags, as directed by the Mayor.

b) *Policy.* It is the policy of the City of New Britain that flags should be displayed in conformance with Federal and State policies, as stated in the Federal "Our Flag" publication of the Congress, House Document No. 96-144, and in C.G.S. §§ 3-10f, 3-107, and 4b-14a.

c) *Flags traditionally flown at City Hall.* The City traditionally displays three (3) flags at City Hall: (1) the United States flag, (2) the Connecticut State flag, and (3) the City of New Britain flag.

d) *Order of precedence*. Outdoor flags will be flown at City Hall in the following order of precedence: (1) the United States flag, (2) the Connecticut State flag, and (3) the City of New Britain flag or other flags, as directed by the Mayor.

e) *Special occasions of Federal, State, and local proclamation*. Flags flown at City Hall shall be displayed in accordance with the above standards, subject to the following conditions:

(i) The Mayor may order flags to be lowered to half staff including, but not limited to, flags of the United States of America and the State of Connecticut, in honor of the death of a City employee killed in the line of duty, or in observance of a specific event or circumstance.

(ii) The City may use its flagpoles to express official, City-endorsed messages from the Mayor that may be appropriately accompanied by ceremonial flag-raising. Other flags, as set forth below, may be flown by the City in addition to the United States flag, the Connecticut State flag, and the City of New Britain flag at the discretion of the Mayor.

f) *Display of other flags.* The following flags may be displayed by the City as an expression of the City's official sentiments:

(i) *Flags of nations with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations*. Flags of governments with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations may be displayed at the sole discretion of the Mayor.

(ii) *Flags Displayed in Conjunction with Official Events or Ceremonies as Announced by the Mayor.* Other flags may be displayed as official City events or ceremonies at the sole discretion of the Mayor.

(iii) *Flags of Sports Teams.* The City may display the flag of a professional or collegiate sports team in commemoration of a significant achievement involving the City at the sole discretion of the Mayor.

g) *Flagpoles not a forum for free expression.* The City's flagpoles are not intended to served as a forum for free expression by the public.