

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
MONTICELLO CITY CODE CHAPTER 2,
CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION, TO
FORMALLY ADOPT THE OFFICIAL
FLAG OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO,
ARKANSAS; AND ESTABLISHING
PROCEDURES FOR USE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, in 1997 the community celebrated the Quadquinta-
quinque-centennial of the formal incorporation of the town of
Monticello, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, among the many activities conducted in celebration
of the community's 145th year since the General Assembly of
Arkansas incorporated the City of Monticello in 1852, a contest
was held between grades of the City Park Elementary School to
design an official city flag to be unveiled at a city-wide
celebration and then officially adopted by the City Council of
Monticello, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, a design created by the City Park Elementary
School second grade students of Mellie Jo Owen and Susan Smith;
and

WHEREAS, this design was selected by the City Council of
Monticello, Arkansas in October 1997 to be the official city
flag; and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, in commemoration of the Sexaquinta-
quinque-centennial (165th) of the founding of the town of
Monticello, Arkansas in 1849 by the Drew County Court, and in

recognition of May as Arkansas Heritage Month, the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas has determined it appropriate to adopted the design into Municipal Code as the official city flag; and establish procedures for use of said flag.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas that Chapter 2, concerning administration, of Municipal Code be amended to include the following:

"Sec. 2-3. City Flag.

(a) (1) (A) **Design.** The official flag of the City of Monticello, Arkansas shall be a rectangle of blue on which is placed a white hexagon with twenty (20) white stars aligned in eight (8) groups each centered with each of the hexagon's eight (8) corners.

(B) The twenty (20) white stars' eight (8) groups shall be grouped in four (4) groups of three (3) stars and two (2) groups of four (4) stars. The two (2) groups of four (4) stars shall be aligned center with the far left and right corners of the hexagon. The four (4) groups of three (3) stars shall be aligned center with the far top and bottom corners of the hexagon.

(C) Across the hexagon shall be the year "1849" in red; below the year "1849" shall be one (1) red star; above the date "1849" shall be the word "MONTICELLO" in blue; and below the red star shall be the word "ARKANSAS" in blue.

(2) The colors used for the official flag of the City of Monticello, Arkansas shall be the same as those used on the Flag of the State of Arkansas and the Flag of the United States, specifically to include:

(A) Old Glory Red or its equivalent; and

(B) Old Glory Blue or its equivalent.

(b) (1) **Origins.** This flag was designed by the 1997 City Park Elementary School second graders as a part of the City

of Monticello, Arkansas Incorporation Quadquinta-quinque-centennial (145th) celebration.

(2) **Meaning.** The flag is red, white and blue which represents the colors of the Flags of the United States and State of Arkansas. In the center of the flag is a white hexagon which symbolizes the town square. In the center of the white hexagon is a red star which symbolizes the City of Monticello, Arkansas. Above the red star is the year "1849," which represents the year the town of Monticello, Arkansas was founded by the Drew County Court. The white stars that extend from each corner of the white hexagon is "a burst of stars symbolizing the continuing growth of Monticello, Arkansas."

Sec. 2-4. Lowering of flags on city property.

(a) It shall be the policy of the City of Monticello, Arkansas to honor and pay tribute to certain public officials by lowering flags located on municipal buildings and other city property to half-mast from the time of notice of the official's death is received through the day on which funeral services are conducted for the deceased official.

This sub-section shall apply with respect to the following officers:

- (1) Current and former Presidents of the United States; and
- (2) Current and former members of the United States Senate from the State of Arkansas; and
- (3) Current and former members of the United States House of Representatives from Arkansas' 4th Congressional District; and
- (4) Current and former Governors of the State of Arkansas; and
- (5) Current and former members of the Arkansas General Assembly whom represented the respective districts which the City of Monticello laid; and
- (6) Current constitutional officers of the State of Arkansas; and

(7) Current members of the Arkansas Supreme Court; and

(8) Current and former Drew County Judges; and

(9) Current and former Judges of the Twenty-Eighth District Court, formerly the Drew County District Court and Monticello Municipal Court; and

(10) Current and former Mayors of the City of Monticello, Arkansas; and

(11) Current and former City Clerks of the City of Monticello, Arkansas; and

(12) Current and former City Attorneys of the City of Monticello, Arkansas; and

(13) Current and former Aldermen of the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas.

(b) It shall be the policy of the City of Monticello, Arkansas to honor and pay tribute to certain occasions by lowering flags located on municipal buildings and other city property to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.

This sub-section shall apply to the following dates:

(1) Memorial Day, the last Monday of May; and

(2) September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

(3) Veterans Day, November 11th.

(c) Flags located on municipal buildings and other city property may be lowered to half-mast at the order of the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Arkansas, or the Mayor of the City of Monticello, Arkansas by executive proclamation at times, and for occasions, other than those mentioned in this section."

(End of Ordinance)

ADOPTED on this 26 day of May, 2015.

RAE
Mayor

ATTEST:

Ad 7.00
City Clerk