

ATTACHMENT #4

From: Patty Wahto (deLaBruere)
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 11:05 AM
Subject: FW: AWF - Improper display of the US Flag

Greetings, Mr. Morris.

I consulted with flag etiquette rules (and US code), and conclude that there is nothing incorrect or disrespectful in our flag display at the Juneau International Airport (JNU).

We only take the flag(s) down in inclement weather or when torn (proper protocol followed for disposal). There is enough light illuminating from the lights surrounding (see pic) that it is lit/viewable. This has been our practice for 30+ years. It is displayed so that viewing toward the terminal, the US Flag is correctly displayed on it's right (but again, your reference that it is visible 360 degrees). According to US Flag code, State flags may fly at the same height as the US Flag, but never higher. We display the US Flag higher than the State flag, which may be difficult to deduce from ground level since the State flag is almost half the size of the US Flag (the bottom of the US Flag is the same or lower due to its size, so it may appear that the US Flag is lower). The top of the US Flag must be equal or higher to the State flag to meet flag code (USC 36 Chapter 10). As stated, we fly a State flag that is approximately half the size of the US Flag. Again flags can be the same size, but none may be larger.

Flag etiquette does not state that a special spot light is required; only illumination if left up through the night. As a side note on any spot light, we have to be careful if we do put one up (in addition to light pole illumination) so that we do not shine into pilots' eyes. Typically lights are aimed down or up, not up at airports. We have air traffic in all directions (helicopters, etc).

We have actually received compliments on our flag display with the mountains and glacier as a backdrop; 'beautiful and inspiring'.

<http://www.usflag.org/flagetiquette.html>

<http://www.usflag.org/uscode36.html#174>

I respect your concern for flag etiquette and thank you for reaching out to us.

Regards,
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Subject: Improper display of the US Flag

Message:

I was in Juneau for the Alaska Folk Festival. I saw that the United States Flag was displayed improperly. It was after dark when I arrived and the flag was not illuminated. Also, the Alaska State Flag was at the same elevation as the US Flag. Facing the airport terminal the US Flag was displayed to the left of the Alaska Flag rather than to the right but because the flags can be viewed from 360 degrees due to the fact that they are by the parking lot and not against the building the Alaska Flag should be lower than the US Flag. The US Flag is not being shown proper respect by the City and Borough of Juneau and this is especially conspicuous to tourists and visitors arriving at the airport. As an aside, in the last few years the code was changed to allow veterans not in uniform to salute the flag as it passes or is raised and lowered. The proper means of disposal for the US Flag is to burn it. The Boy Scouts or the local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars will perform this task if someone is unable to. The flag code can be found online.

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