

AN ACT RELATING TO THE
SNOQUALMIE TRIBAL FLAG

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SNOQUALMIE TRIBAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1.0 TITLE AND CODIFICATION

This Chapter shall be known as the Snoqualmie Tribal Flag Act and shall be codified as Title 5, Chapter 5 of the Snoqualmie Tribal Code.

SECTION 2.0 STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The aboriginal and inherent sovereign power to govern the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe is vested in the Snoqualmie Tribal Council. The Snoqualmie Tribal Council has the authority to safeguard and promote the peace, safety, moral, and general welfare of the members of the Tribe by regulating the behavior of all persons within the jurisdiction of the Tribe, and by providing for the enactment and enforcement of laws of the Tribe. Snoq. Const. Art. I, Sec. 4. This authority includes the power to remove or exclude from the territory of the Tribe non-members whose presence may be injurious to the peace, health, and welfare of the Tribe, and to safeguard and promote the peace, safety, moral, and general welfare of the members of the Tribe by regulating the behavior of all person within the jurisdiction of the Tribe, and to provide for the enactment and enforcement of the laws of the Tribe. Snoq. Tr. Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 1(i), (j) and (w).

SECTION 3.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate and provide rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the Snoqualmie Tribe flag. Where this Chapter is ambiguous or does not address a situation, the Federal Flag Code, Public Law 94-344, 4 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, may be used as a guide.

SECTION 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context specifically requires otherwise, as used in this Chapter:

“**PERSON**” means any natural person, trustee, court appointed representative, syndicate, association, partnership, firm, club, company, corporation, business trust, institution, agency, government corporation, municipal corporation, district or other political subdivision, contractor, supplier, vendor, vendee, operator, user or owner, or any officers, agents, employees or other representative, acting either for himself or herself or for any other person in any capacity, or any other entity recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties, and specifically includes commercial air tour operators. The masculine, feminine, singular or plural is included in any circumstance.

“**SNOQUALMIE FLAG**” means the official Snoqualmie Tribe flag as designated by the Tribal Council.

“**SNOQUALMIE TRIBAL LANDS**” shall mean all lands over which the Tribe exercises jurisdiction, including but not limited to, its Reservation, other lands held in trust for the Tribe by the United States, and all of the Tribe's "Indian Country" as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1151.

"TRIBAL COUNCIL" shall mean the duly authorized governing body of the Tribe.

"TRIBE" shall mean the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe.

SECTION 5.0 PERSONS SUBJECT TO FLAG ACT

- 5.1 All persons in possession or custody of a Snoqualmie Flag shall comply with the provisions of this Chapter. The proper display protocol shall be followed both within and outside Snoqualmie Tribal Lands.
- 5.2 All Tribal buildings within the Snoqualmie Tribal Lands that currently possess flagpoles, stationary flagstaffs or other means to display a flag and those entities and Snoqualmie-owned buildings that later establish the means to display a flag shall adhere to this Chapter.

SECTION 6.0 DISPLAY OF SNOQUALMIE FLAG

- 6.1 As the Snoqualmie Flag represents the Tribe's sovereignty, it shall be displayed according to the following requirements:
- (a) The Snoqualmie Flag may be displayed on all days.
 - (b) The Snoqualmie Flag may only be displayed from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, the Snoqualmie Flag may be displayed twenty-four (24) hours a day if the Snoqualmie Flag is an all-weather flag and is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
 - (c) The Snoqualmie Flag may be mandated to be displayed through resolution of the Tribal Council.
- 6.2 The Snoqualmie Flag shall be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- 6.3 The position of a flag is an important symbol of Tribal prominence and sovereignty, therefore the following requirements shall be adhered to:
- (a) When flags of two or more countries or Indian tribes are displayed, the flags are to be flown from separate flagstaffs or flag poles that are displayed at the same height and shall be approximately of equal size.
 - (i) To the extent there are uneven flag poles, the United States flag shall fly from the highest flag pole, when appropriate, and the Snoqualmie Flag shall fly from the flag pole furthest to the right to show prominence.
 - (b) The Snoqualmie Flag shall be displayed to the furthest right in the position of superior prominence.
 - (c) When other flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be hoisted first and lowered last.
 - (d) When flags of states, localities or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the Snoqualmie Flag, the Snoqualmie Flag shall always be at the top.
- 6.4 The Snoqualmie Flag shall be displayed as follows:
- (a) When carried in a procession with another flag or flags, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be either on the marching right; that is, the Flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

- (b) When the Snoqualmie Flag is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be on the right, the Flag's own right, and its staff shall be in front of the staff of the other flag.
- (c) When the Snoqualmie Flag can only be displayed horizontally against a wall, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be placed in the upright position. When displayed in a window, the Flag shall be displayed in the upright position facing the appropriate way to an observer outside the building.
- (d) When the Snoqualmie Flag is displayed over the middle of the street, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be suspended horizontally and shall be placed in the upright position.
- (e) When used on a speaker's platform, the Snoqualmie Flag, if displayed flat, shall be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff, the Snoqualmie Flag shall hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the speaker's right as he or she faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed shall be placed on the left of the speaker or to the right of the audience.
- (f) When the Snoqualmie Flag is suspended across a corridor or lobby, it shall be suspended in the upright position facing the main entrance.
- (g) The Snoqualmie Flag shall never be used as the covering for the statue or monument.

6.5 At certain times, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be lowered to half-staff as a sign of respect. In doing so, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The Snoqualmie Flag shall be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

(a) On or prior to the following days, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be lowered to half-staff:

- (i) Memorial Day
- (ii) Flag Day
- (iii) Veteran's Day

(b) As a sign of respect, when the United States flag is lowered to half-staff, the Snoqualmie Flag shall also be lowered.

(c) By a directive of the Tribal Council, the Snoqualmie Flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of a member of the Tribe and remain at half-staff until after the funeral.

SECTION 7.0 RESPECT FOR THE SNOQUALMIE FLAG

- 7.1 No disrespect shall be shown to the Snoqualmie flag, the United States flag or the flags of any other country, Indian tribe, state or locality.
- 7.2 During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the Snoqualmie Flag or when the Snoqualmie Flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present shall face the flag and stand at attention.
- 7.3 The Snoqualmie Flag and United States flag shall not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, state flags, and organization or institutional flags shall be dipped as a mark of honor.

- 7.4 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never be displayed upside down.
- 7.5 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, or water.
- 7.6 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- 7.7 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never be draped, drawn back, or tied up, but always allowed to fall free.
- 7.8 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
- 7.9 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never be used as a covering for a ceiling.
- 7.10 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature besides the approved Snoqualmie Flag’s design.
- 7.11 The Snoqualmie Flag shall never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- 7.12 The Snoqualmie Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, shall be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

SECTION 8.0 ENFORCEMENT

8.1 Persons who knowingly mutilate, deface, physically defile, burn, maintain on the floor or ground, or trample upon any Snoqualmie Flag shall be guilty of a Class C offense under the Snoqualmie Criminal Code. This subsection does not prohibit any conduct consisting of the disposal of the Snoqualmie Flag when it has become worn or soiled.

8.2 Tribal Employees found violating this Chapter may be subject to discipline in accordance with the Tribe’s laws and employment policies.

SECTION 9.0 SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The Tribe specifically and unequivocally declares its sovereign immunity and does not waive its sovereign immunity, expressly or impliedly, under any provision of this Chapter, and nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as waiving the sovereign immunity of the Tribe or any of its agencies, departments, officials, agents or employees.

SECTION 10.0 SEVERABILITY

If any section, provision, phrase, addition, word, sentence or amendment of this Title or its application to any person is held invalid by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this Title that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Title are declared severable.

SECTION 11.0 AMENDMENTS

This Chapter may be amended pursuant to written resolution of the Tribal Council.

SECTION 12.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Chapter shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Tribal Council, and shall supersede and replace any and all prior ordinances of the Tribe relating to the subject matter of this Chapter.

ENACTED BY THE SNOQUALMIE TRIBAL COUNCIL ON THE 9TH DAY OF October, 2025, IN SESSION DULY MET, WITH 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, AND 0 ABSTAINING. TRIBAL COUNCIL ACT 5–5. RESOLUTION NO. 281-2025.

CODIFIED BY THE SNOQUALMIE TRIBAL SECRETARY ON THE 9TH DAY OF October, 2025.



TRIBAL SECRETARY, AMBER HOLLOWAY