

Item 3a

Discussion to fill Vacancy of City Judge with term to
expire January 2027

MEMO

To: Mayor and Council

From: City Recorder

Item 3a addresses the City's current vacancy for a City Judge. Per the City Charter and Municipal Code Title 3, Chapter 2, the City Judge serves a term of 4 years.

As the most recent City Judge resigned mid-term, the newly appointed judge shall serve the remainder of the current term, which ends January 2027.

June 12, 2025

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PROFILE

Licensed Attorney | Trial Litigation | Criminal & Civil

Admitted to practice before the Tennessee Supreme Court and U.S. District Court in 2004. Skilled litigator with extensive experience in both criminal defense and civil proceedings throughout Middle Tennessee. Proven ability to manage complex caseloads, deliver persuasive advocacy, and navigate all phases of trial practice with precision.

EXPERIENCE

Derek R. Howard, Attorney at Law

2004-Present

- Extensive jury trial experience, including multiple homicide and sexual assault cases tried to verdict in the Circuit Courts of Rutherford County, with subsequent appeals to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals.
- Skilled in all phases of litigation, including voir dire, evidentiary hearings, motion practice, expert witness examination, and post-trial motions.
- Appointed as special Judge in Rutherford County General Sessions Court since year 2005, regularly presiding over dockets at the request of the judiciary.
- Mentor, Nashville School of Law Rigorous Writing Program, awarded *Mentor of the year in 2021*.
- Proven ability to manage high-volume caseloads while maintaining individualized client focus and trial readiness.

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- Member, Andrew Jackson American Inn of Court- Rutherford County.
 - Active member, Rutherford/Cannon County and Tennessee Bar Associations.
 - Regularly consulted by peers for trial strategy and case analysis on complex legal issues.

State of Tennessee- Office of the Attorney General

Paralegal and Investigator, 2000-2004

- Provided legal and investigative support to the Office of Special Counsel and Solicitor General.
- Assisted in the development and implementation of legislation establishing the Tennessee State Lottery.
- Contributed to the regulatory drafting and enforcement actions under nationwide tobacco litigation settlement.
- Worked on high-impact consumer protection and statewide litigation matters, including multi-agency coordination and policy development.

EDUCATION

Doctorate Of *Jurisprudence*

Nashville School of Law 2004

Bachelor of Science Political Science

University of North Alabama 1999

Associates Degree Criminal Justice

Northeast Mississippi Community College 1997

Mayor and City Council

City of Eagleville
108 South Main Street
Eagleville, TN 37060

Dear Mayor and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving as the City Judge for Eagleville, Tennessee. As a practicing attorney, civic leader, and entrepreneur with deep roots in Middle Tennessee, I would be honored to bring my legal experience and commitment to public service to this important judicial role.

According to Article X of the Eagleville City Charter, the City Judge role shall be filled with a resident of Rutherford County who is of age thirty or older, and who is in good standing with the Tennessee Bar Association. Meeting all these criteria, I humbly submit my application to you.

As you may know, I am a proud native of Eagleville. I spent my formative years on Cheatham Springs Road and some of you remember when I waited tables at the Main Street Café. I left Eagleville to attend Middle Tennessee State University, but have often returned to see my friends, enjoy a meal, and listen to music at First Fridays.

Since founding the Law Office of Jami K. Averwater in 2019, I have represented a wide range of clients with integrity and diligence. I manage a team of associates and oversee hundreds of billable hours annually, ensuring every case is handled with thoroughness and fairness. My legal expertise is complemented by my role as CEO of Hywater Title, one of the fastest-growing title companies in Middle Tennessee, where I lead a team of 20 across four offices.

In addition to my legal and business experience, I serve on the Murfreesboro City Council and the Murfreesboro Planning Commission. These roles have deepened my understanding of municipal operations and reinforced my belief in upholding public trust and due process. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and further discuss how I can contribute to the integrity and efficiency of the City Court.

It would be my absolute honor to serve my hometown in the role of City Judge. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jami K. Averwater



JAMI K. AVERWATER

CONTACT

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📍 Murfreesboro, TN

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished attorney, entrepreneur, and elected official with a proven record of success in law, business development, and civic leadership. Founder of one of Middle Tennessee's fastest-growing title companies. Skilled in leading teams, cultivating relationships, and influencing public policy through dedicated public service.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Belmont University College of Law | May 2019
Juris Doctor

Middle Tennessee State University | May 2016
Bachelor of Science in Economics, cum laude

Tennessee State Bar, Member | October 2019

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Jami K. Averwater | October 2019- Present
Founder and Managing Attorney

Manage three associates with hundreds of billable hours

Murfreesboro City Council | Council Member
September 2022- Present

Murfreesboro Planning Commission | Commissioner
June 2021- Present

Hywater Title, LLC | June 2020- Present
Chief Executive Officer

Named a fastest growing title company in middle Tennessee
Recruit, train, and manage roughly 20 team members in five years among 4 offices

Manage client base exceeding over 200 real estate professionals

Oversee operations of entire organization

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Jones College of Business Exemplar Award | Awarded 2023

Athena Young Professionals Award | Nominated - 2023

"Forty Under Forty" (Murfreesboro VIP) | Awarded - 2022

"Murfreesboro Rising Star" (Murfreesboro VIP) | Awarded 2023

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Webb School Alumni Board, Vice President

SmartBank Local Advisory Board, Member

Jones College of Business Dean's Advisory Council

Item 3c

Notice of Public Hearing for Annexation Progress
Reports

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On September 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m., the Eagleville City Council will hold a public hearing to review Progress Reports for Plans of Services for the following annexed properties at Eagleville City Hall 108 S. Main St.

1. A portion of College Grove Road, Varying Right of Way widths from 45 to 60 feet in width, and a length of approximately .47 of a mile (approximately 2,500 feet) from the Williamson County Line to the Eastern Boundary of 309 College Grove Road, all within the Eagleville Urban Growth. Annexed September 24, 2024

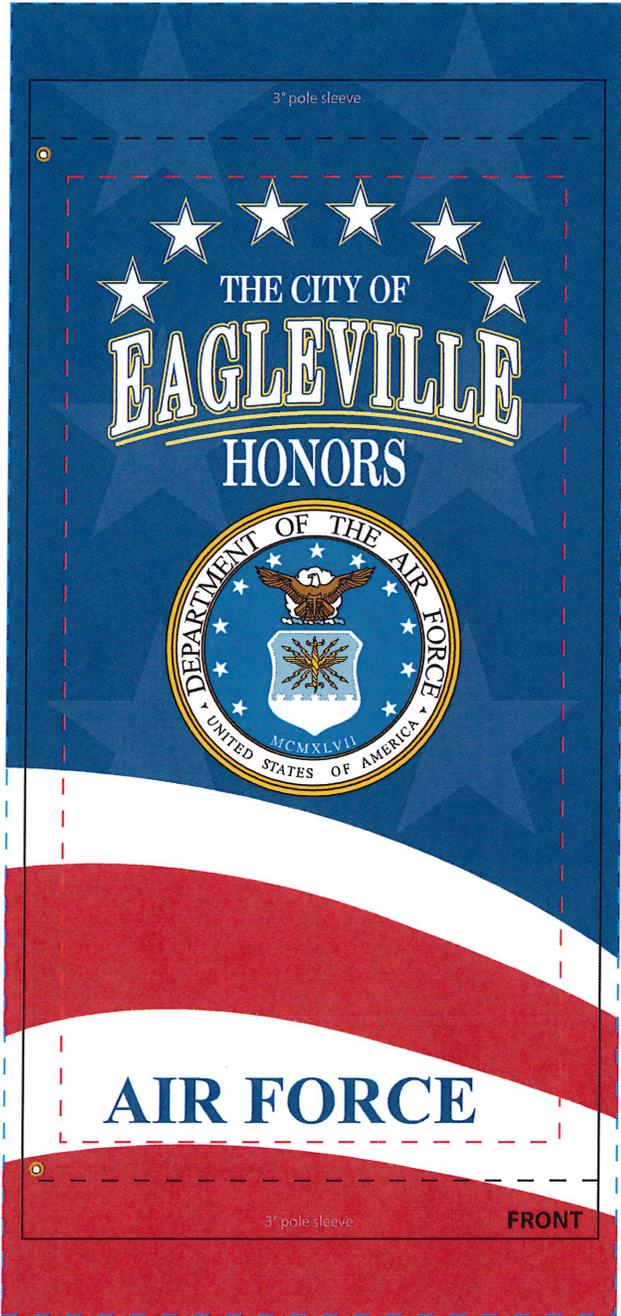
Progress Report: The City regularly patrols the area and provides emergency services when needed. The road is maintained by the City.

2. 68.21 acres along College Grove Road; Map 120, Parcels 02312, 02303, 02310. Annexed September 24, 2024

Progress Report for Item 2 – Due to water capacity, the proposed subdivision has not yet been approved. The City regularly patrols the area and provides emergency services when needed. The road is maintained by the City.

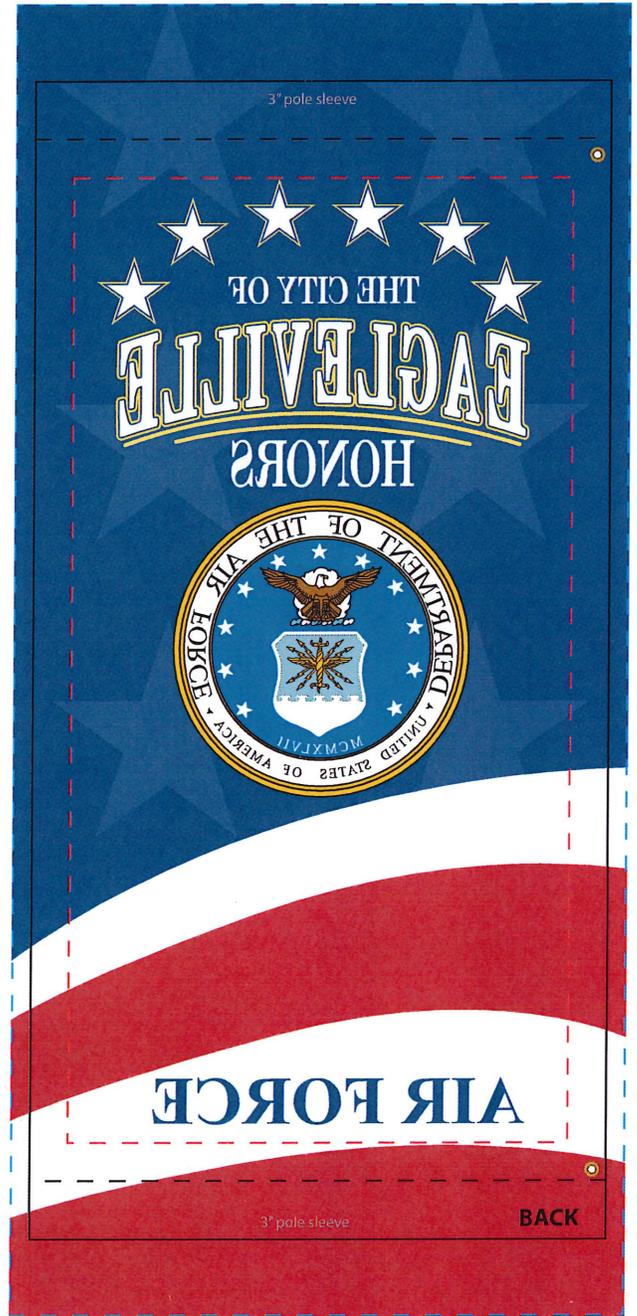
Item 3d

Review Designs for Military Banners



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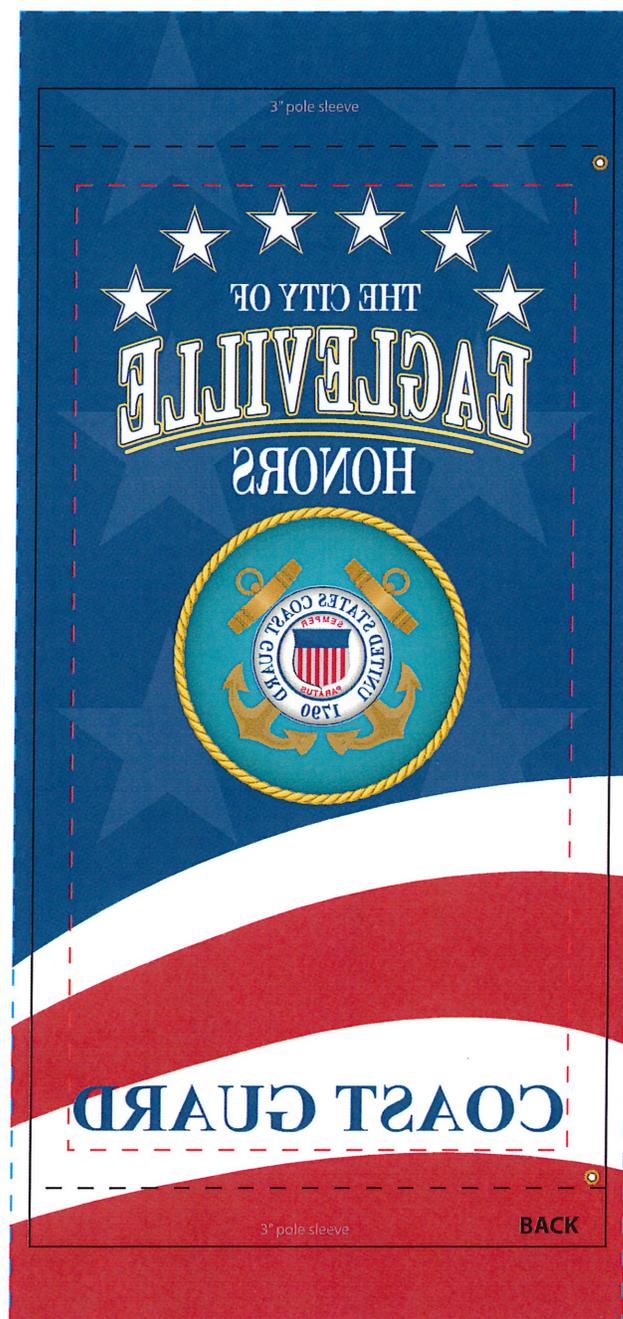
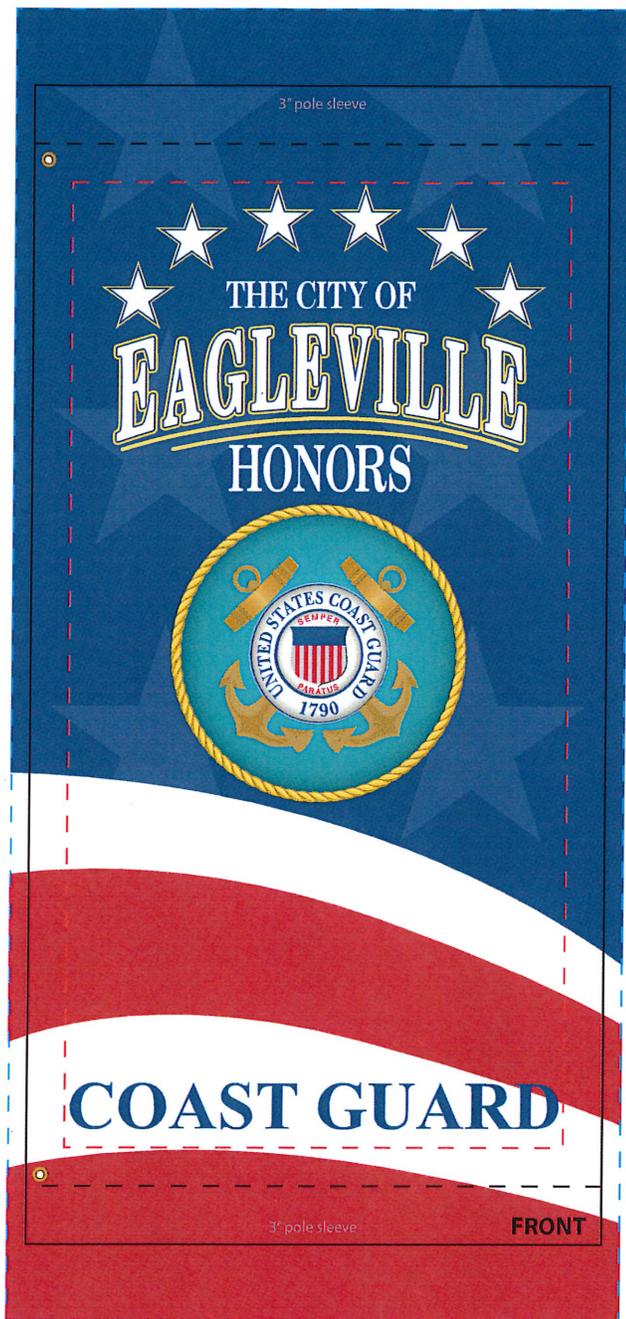
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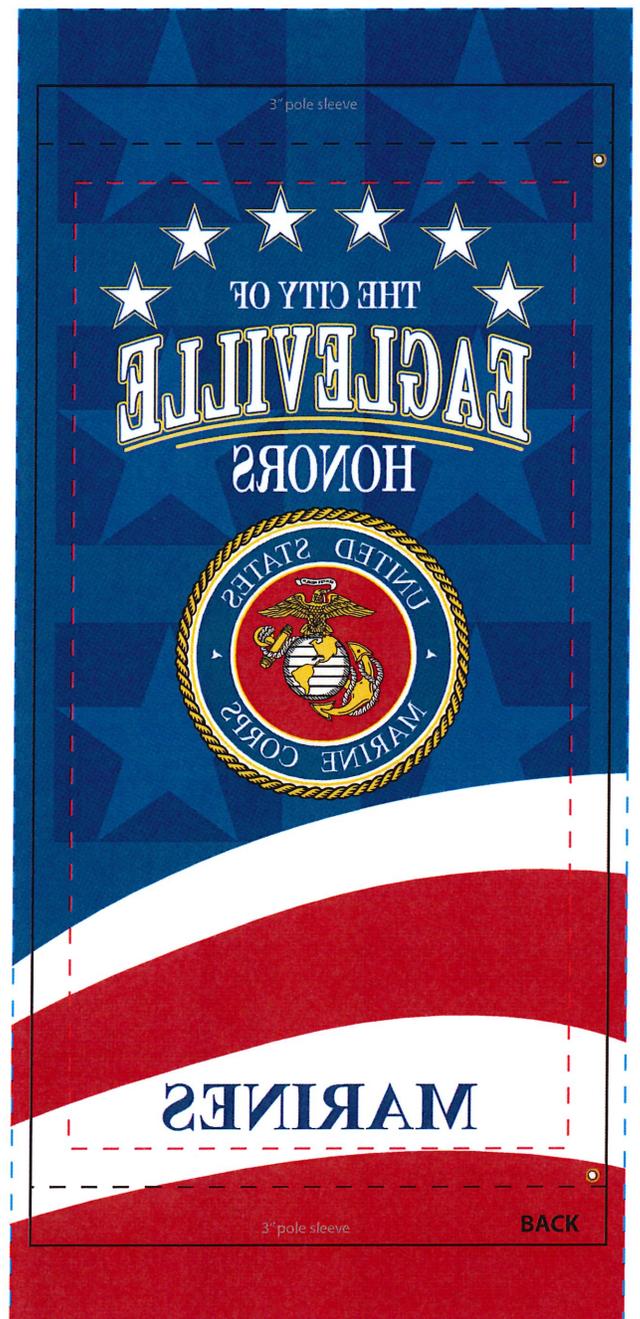
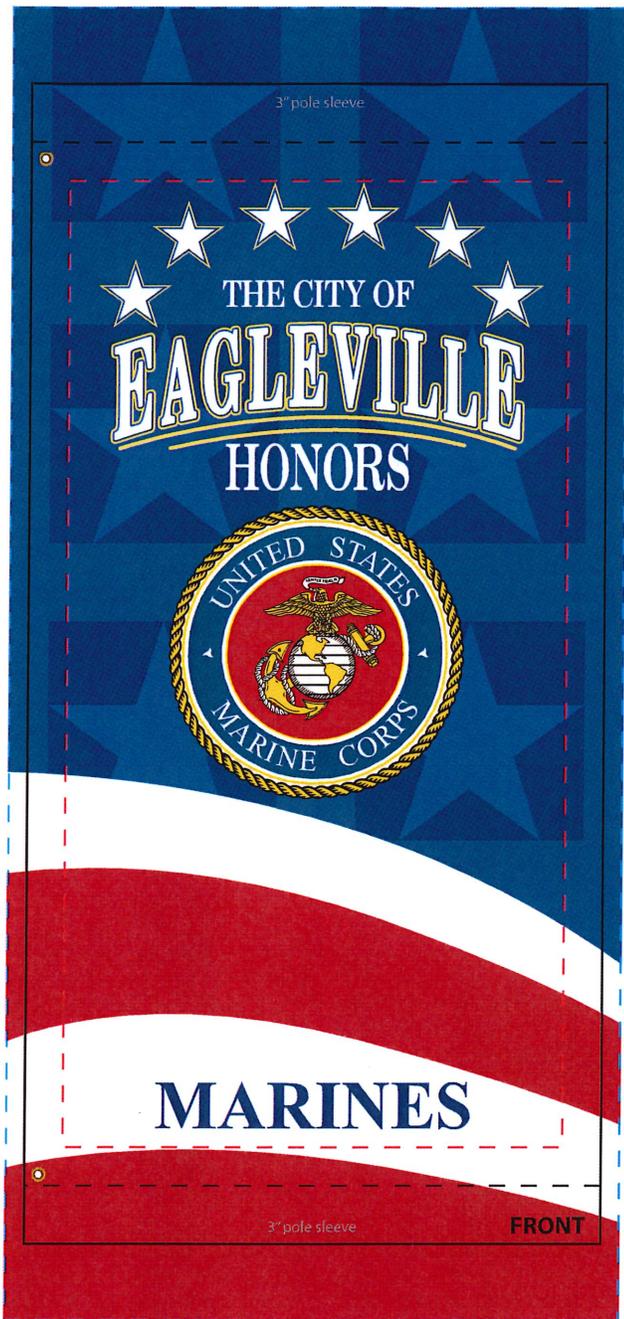
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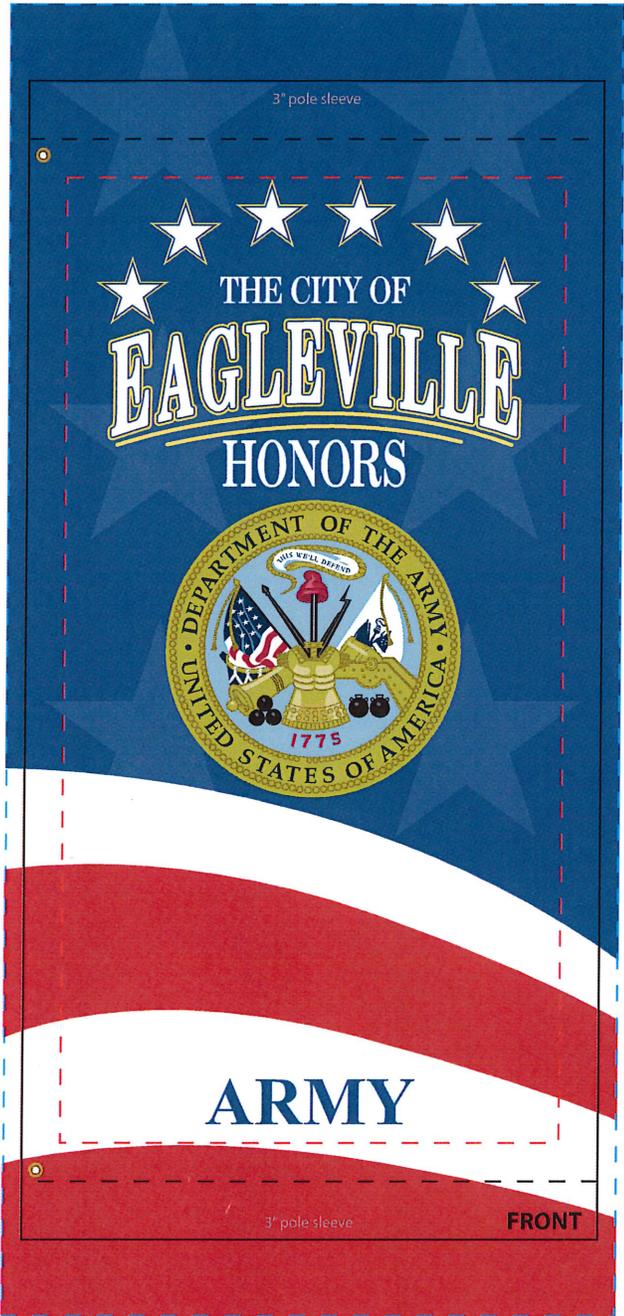
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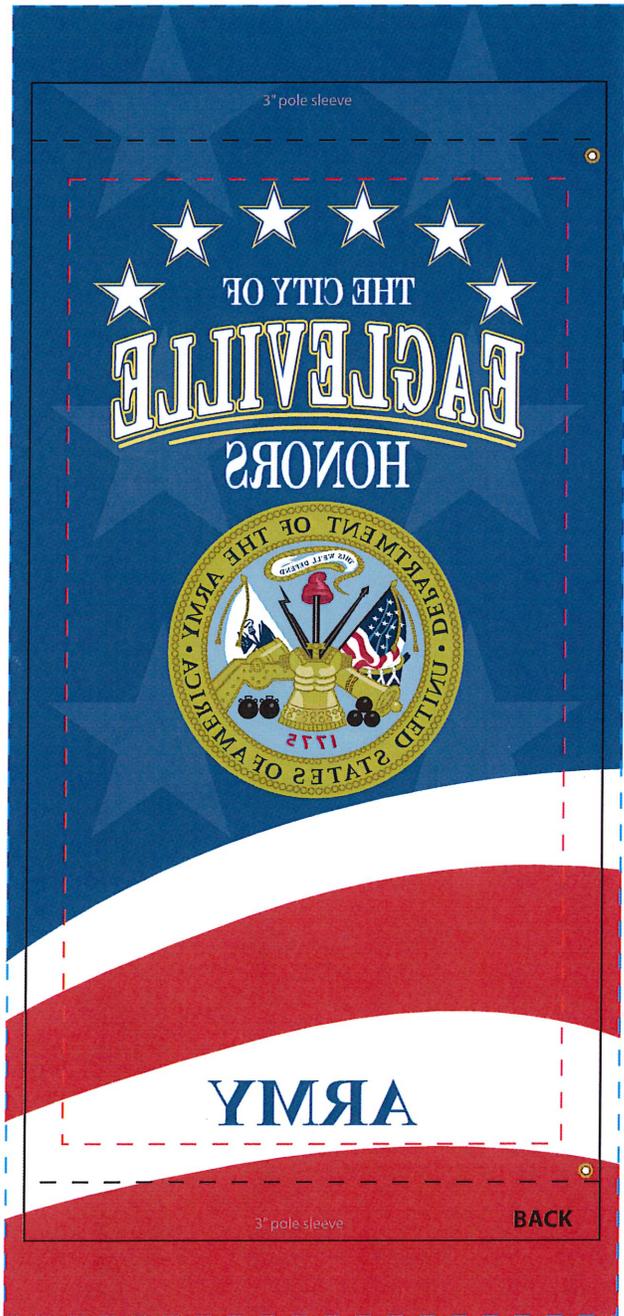
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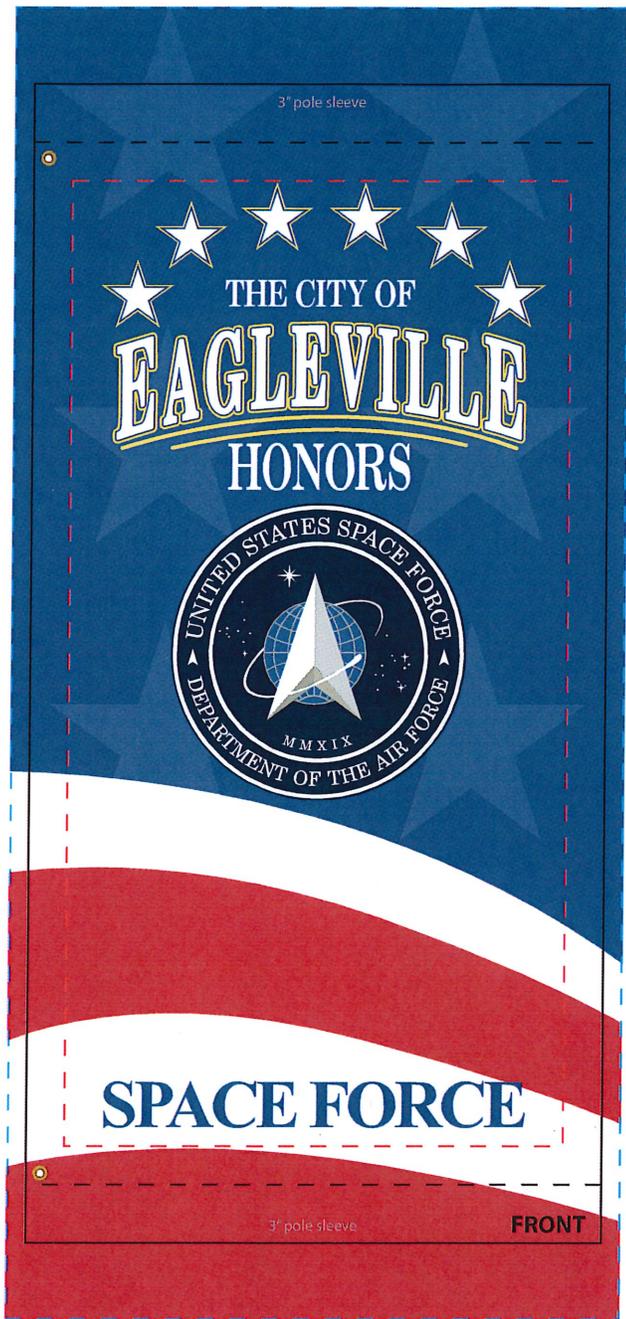
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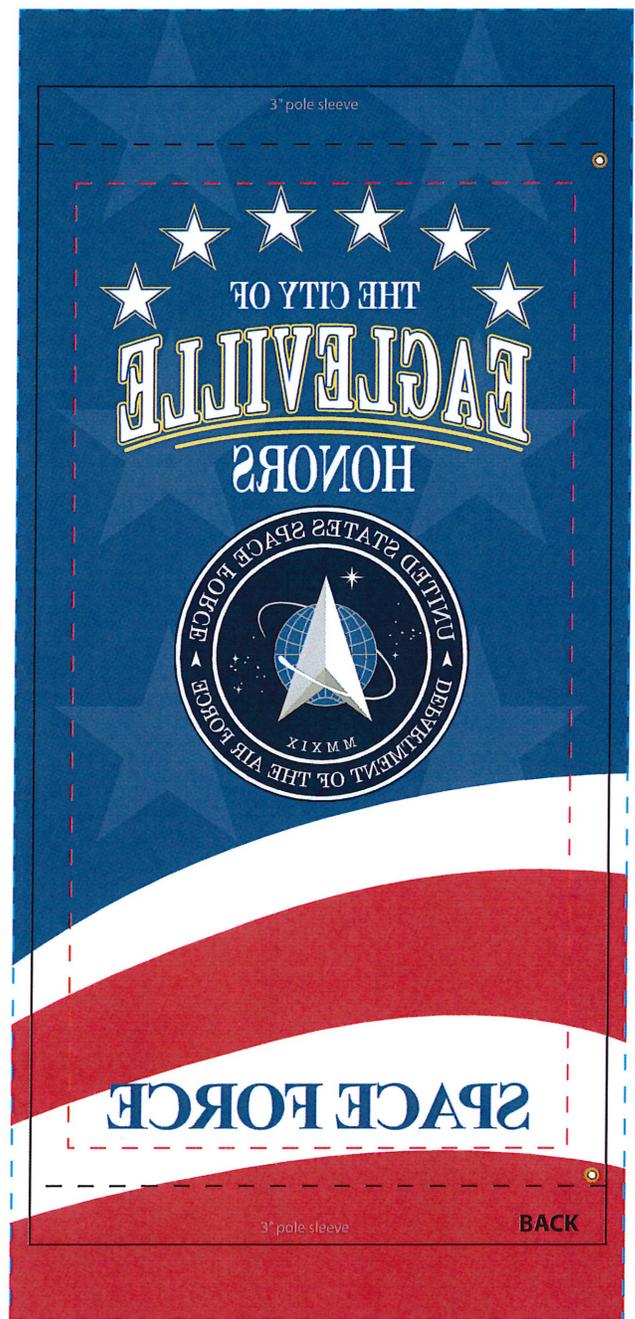
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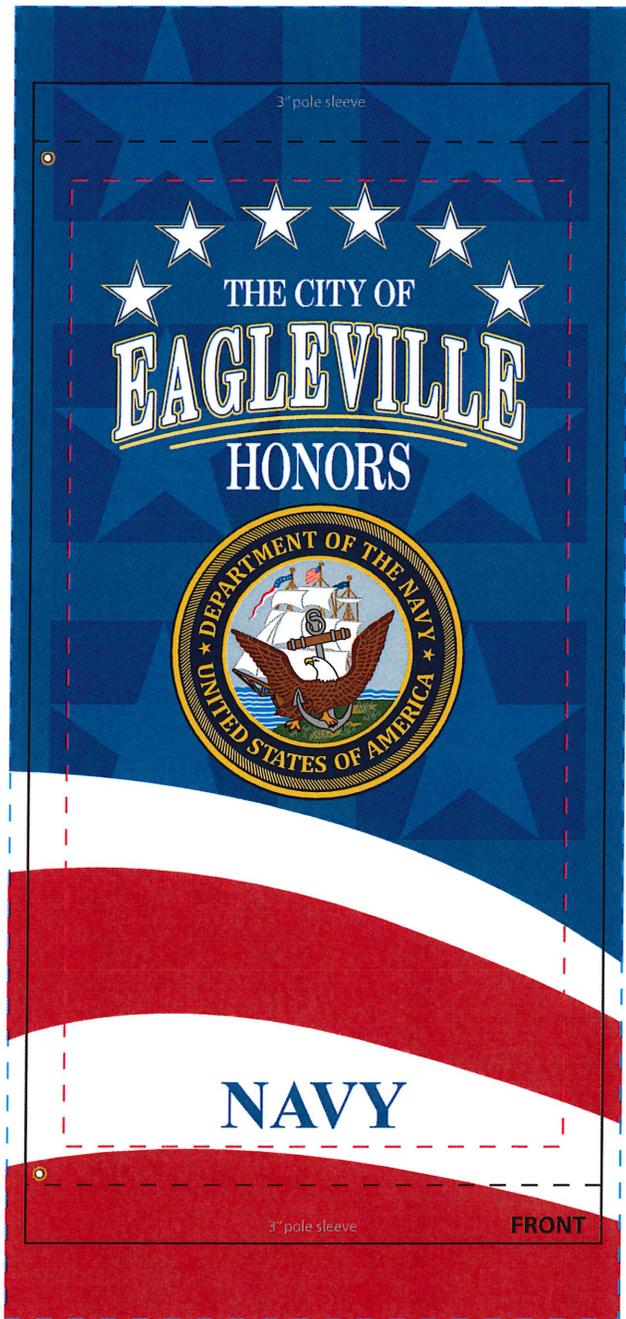


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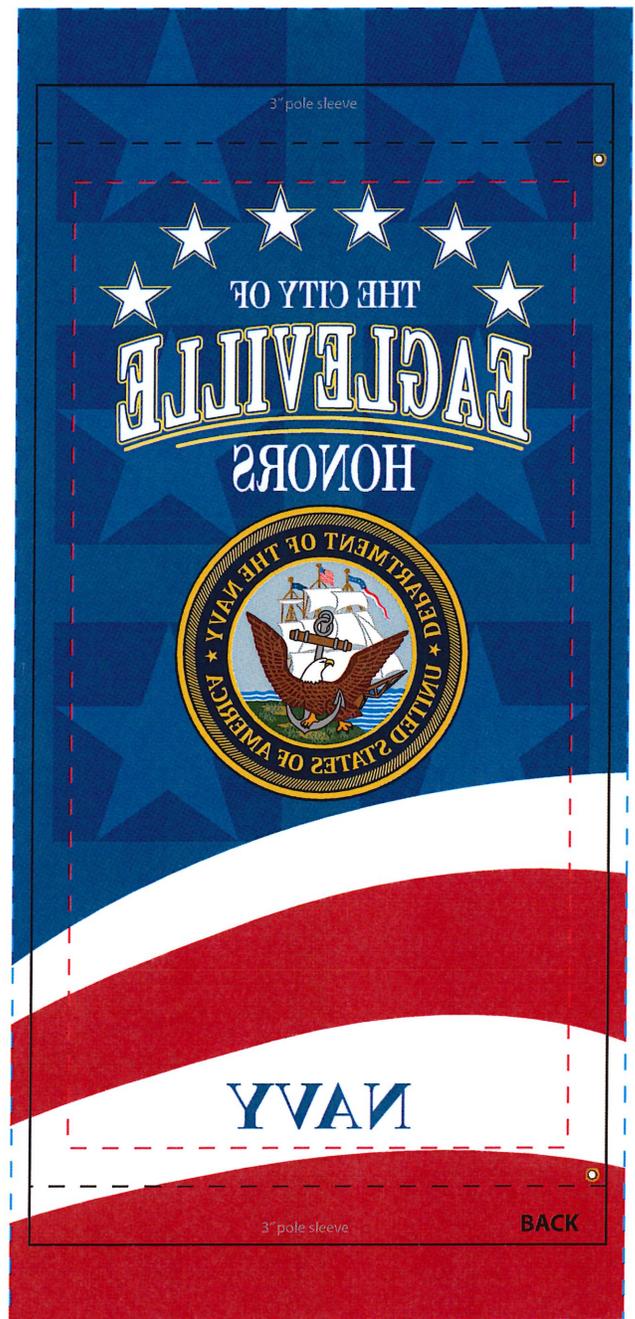
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