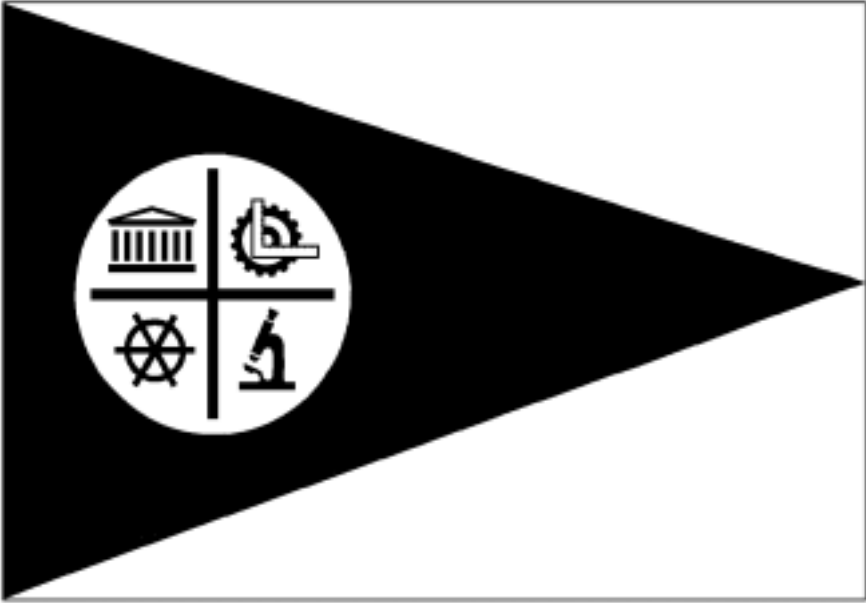
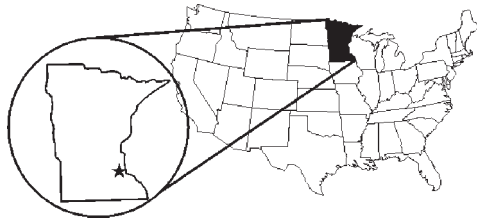


MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Population Rank: U.S. # 45
Minnesota # 1

Proportions: 3:5, 4:6, 5:8,
and their multiples
(all official)



Adopted: 27 May 1955 (official)

DESIGN: The ordinance of adoption describes the Minneapolis flag:

A royal blue pennant on a white field or background with a white circle on the blue pennant divided into four parts; each of the four parts of the circle containing a blue symbol...

The circle is divided horizontally and vertically by a narrow cross that nearly reaches its outer edges. The circle, centered on the blue pennant at the hoist side of the flag, occupies 30% of the field, according to the official specifications. In the upper hoist quadrant of the circle is a

stylized building with seven columns; in the upper fly quadrant, a draftsman's square superimposed on a cog wheel so that the square forms a right angle parallel to the angle of the cross in that quadrant; in the lower hoist quadrant, a pilot wheel with six spokes; and in the lower fly quadrant, a microscope placed so that the user would face the hoist.

SYMBOLISM: The colors were selected to harmonize with the national and state flags when flown together. The symbols on the circle have the following meanings: the building, education and the arts; the cog wheel and square, labor and industry; the pilot wheel, the city's lakes and rivers and all activities identified with them; and the microscope, research, skilled craftsmanship, and progress. The symbols combined represent the beauty, harmony, and brilliant future of the city.

HOW SELECTED: A "Committee for the establishment and procurement of an official flag for the City of Minneapolis" was established by the city council on 12 November 1954, comprising Mayor Eric C. Hoyer (*ex officio*), two aldermen, the city clerk, and three "qualified citizens of the City of Minneapolis to be designated by the aforementioned Committee members". This committee established a citywide contest to design a flag and appointed five jurors to select the winner. The top prize was a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond, with four \$100 Savings Bonds awarded to the runners-up in the categories of Elementary Schools, Junior High Schools, Senior High Schools, and Adult Group.

DESIGNER: Louise Sundin, a junior high school student, took the top prize.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: Upon adoption of the flag, a color guard comprising members of the Minneapolis Police Department Band presented the United States flag and the new city flag to the city council, placing them on either side of the rostrum.