

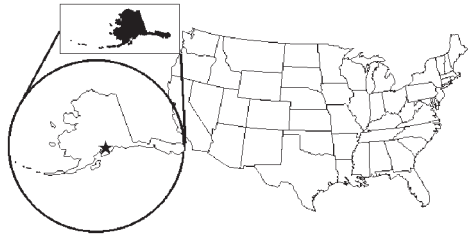
## ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



*Population Rank:* U.S. .... # 65  
Alaska ..... # 1

*Proportions:* 2:3 (usage)

*Adopted:* Unknown (unofficial)



**DESIGN:** The flag of Anchorage has a gold field of 6 units by 9, with the municipal seal in the center, 3.5 units in diameter. The field of the seal is white. In its center, and extending nearly to its inner circumference, is a blue anchor with its tongs curving upwards halfway along each side of the seal, ending in barbed inward-facing points. The anchor overlays an 18th-century sailing ship in yellow under full sail toward the hoist. A wavy yellow line below the ship suggests the ocean. In the upper left above the ship's prow is a small rayless yellow sun. Above the ship's stern, in blue, is a modern airplane, flying toward the hoist. Two narrow blue concentric circles set closely together enclose the seal. Curved and centered above the outer edge of the seal is

**ANCHORAGE**, curved and centered below is **ALASKA**, all in small blue letters.

**SYMBOLISM:** The ship on the seal symbolizes the voyages of British Captain James Cook (1728-1779) who explored the site of Anchorage in today's Cook Inlet. The airplane represents Anchorage's pivotal role as a transportation hub, and the sun symbolizes the city's northern latitude and wide variation of daylight hours from summer to winter. The anchor represents the city's name and origin as an anchorage.

**HOW SELECTED:** The flag was developed sometime after the municipality's seal was adopted.

**DESIGNER:** Unknown.

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