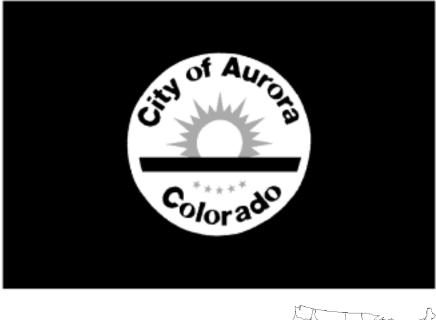
AURORA, COLORADO



Population Rank: U.S. # 67 Colorado # 3 Proportions: 2:3 (usage)

Adopted: 1969 (official status uncertain)

DESIGN: Aurora's flag has a dark blue field with a large city seal in the center. On a flag of 2 by 3 units, the seal has a diameter of about 1.5 units. The seal has a narrow ring in bright yellow around its edge enclosing a white field. A dark blue bar, nearly as long as the circle's diameter, runs horizontally below the midpoint of the seal. A white sun surrounded by 15 yellow rays, alternating short and long, rises from the blue horizon bar. Immediately below the blue bar, in a semi-circle completing the circle of the sun's rays, are 5 small yellow five-pointed stars, evenly spaced. Arched over the sun is **City of Aurora**; curved below the stars counterclockwise is **Colorado**, all in a blue sans-serif font.

SYMBOLISM: Aurora means "Dawn" in Latin, hence the rising sun, which also represents a rising community letting its light shine and making its voice heard throughout the Rocky Mountain Empire. The five stars stand for Home, Church, School, Business, and Industry, which the city considers essential to a healthy, progressive community. The city's colors are blue and gold. The blue symbolizes the azure sky; the gold represents the minerals that made Colorado famous and resulted in its settling in the early days of the West. The seal was adopted in 1907 when the town of Fletcher changed its name to Aurora.

HOW SELECTED: No information given.

DESIGNER: Albert Christen, an artist who painted many murals of the early Aurora, designed the seal (date not given). JP