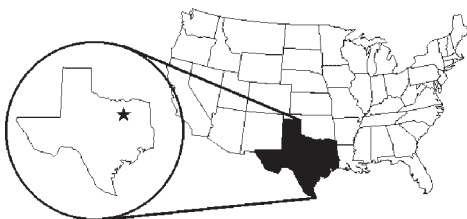


DALLAS, TEXAS



Population Rank: U.S. # 8
Texas # 3

Proportions: 2:3 (official)



Adopted: 13 February 1967 (official); amended 24 July 1967.

DESIGN: The flag of Dallas is described in the amended ordinance of adoption:

The official flag of the City of Dallas is an emblem of four sides, and four angles of ninety degrees each. The background or field shall consist of two stripes or bars of equal size, the upper stripe or upper bar being red in color and the lower stripe or bar being blue. The two stripes or bars shall be separated in the center by a small white bar or line. There shall be superimposed upon this field a white star of five points, three points of which rest in the red bar; the top point rests in a vertical line drawn through the exact

center of the flag. The two lower points of the star rest in the blue bar. In the exact center of the star shall appear the seal of the City of Dallas with a field or background of gold; the detail and lettering in the seal shall be of blue.

The proportions of the elements are carefully delineated in a diagram of the flag. The field is .666 by 1 unit. The star's top point is exactly in the center of the field, .052 of a unit from the top. Each side of the star's points is .229 of a unit. The seal's diameter is .220 of a unit.

The seal has two concentric outer rings enclosing **CITY OF DALLAS** curved clockwise, above, and **TEXAS**, curved counterclockwise, below. An interior ring of 44 dots encloses a large five-pointed star, within which is a smaller five-pointed star subdivided into ten sections giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

SYMBOLISM: The red, white, and blue of the flag reflect the colors of both the Texas state flag and the flag of the United States. The single star for Texas' nickname, "The Lone Star State", is characteristic of many Texan city flags.

HOW SELECTED: A committee headed by Councilman Millard Dilg solicited designs for a new city flag from 20 Dallas artists, who submitted 42 proposals. A six-person committee headed by Councilwoman Sibyl Hamilton selected the winning entry.

DESIGNER: Mr. E. L. Gilchrist.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: The ordinance of adoption originally included two adjectives describing the colors as "blood" red and "azure" blue that were subsequently omitted in the later amendment. The flag's colors are now a dark red and dark blue. The ordinance of adoption also specifies 25 regulations on the display of the flag, as well as a section providing for prosecution as a misdemeanor if some of these rules are violated or the flag is desecrated willfully, provisions very unusual for civic flags.



FORMER FLAG: The first flag of Dallas was officially adopted on 20 March 1916, the result of a contest suggested by Mayor Henry D. Lindley and administered by the Dallas *Evening Journal*. The winner was Jane Malone, who won

a prize of \$25; her design was chosen by the city commissioners. The flag is swallow-tailed with a dark blue field and proportions of 3 units at the hoist (tapering to 2.5 units at the fly) by 5 units long. In the center of the field is a large silhouette map of the state of Texas, in white, approximately 2 units high and wide. A red five-pointed star marks the position of Dallas on the map, and below it, in large red block letters stretching about 1.75 units, is **DALLAS**. The framed design hung on the wall of the city secretary for years, but no flag was ever manufactured. In 1935, in order to celebrate the state's centennial, plans were put forth to manufacture the flag, but nothing came of them. In 1954, students at Southern Methodist University made a flag for the city that closely resembled the official design, but it was not until the 1960s that three flags with the official design were made, shortly before the adoption of the new design.

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