

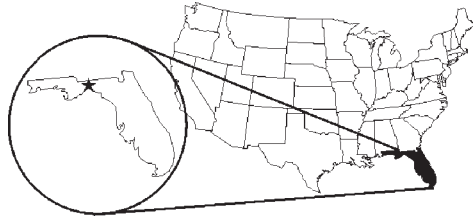
# TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ★



*Population Rank:* U.S. ... # 135  
Florida..... # 8

*Proportions:* 4:7 (usage)

*Adopted:* 1957 (official)



**DESIGN:** Tallahassee's flag is a white saltire on a dark blue field, with the city seal in blue on a gold background overlaying the center. On a field of 4 by 7 units, the seal is about 2 units in diameter. Immediately within the seal's outer edge is a narrow white ring, into which emanate some 80 tiny black triangles, suggesting the cut edge of a seal. Within the white ring is a gold ring, the inner edge of which is formed by a narrow black ring. Curved over the top of the gold ring is **CITY of TALLAHASSEE**, and counterclockwise below is **FLORIDA**, all in black and an Arial-type font. The dome of the capitol appears in the center of the seal, its lower portion white detailed in black and its upper portion black detailed in white. A small United States flag flies atop the dome, blowing toward the hoist. Clouds on either side of the dome are gold edged in black.

**SYMBOLISM:** The capitol dome on the seal represents Tallahassee's status as the capital of Florida. No particular symbolism is given for the colors or saltire, although the flag has the same basic design as the Florida state flag, with different colors. In the choice of colors for the Tallahassee flag, the designer, whose name is of Scottish origin, may have been influenced by the flag of Scotland, a white saltire on blue.

**HOW SELECTED:** At the urging of Mrs. Florence R. S. Phillips, one-time secretary of the Tallahassee Booster Club (a forerunner of the chamber of commerce), and City Engineer Miller Walston, the city commission held a contest for a new city flag sometime in 1916.

**DESIGNER:** Miss Abernathy, an art teacher at Florida State College for Women.



#### **MORE ABOUT THE FLAG:**

From its creation, the flag was apparently considered the city flag, even though not officially adopted, since an ordinance existed prohibiting its use for advertising or commercial purposes without the approval of the city commission. The

original flag had the seal in blue on white. It was evidently changed to gold about the time of its official adoption in 1957. According to a number of references, the flag appeared for years on city postcards with an account of its history.

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