

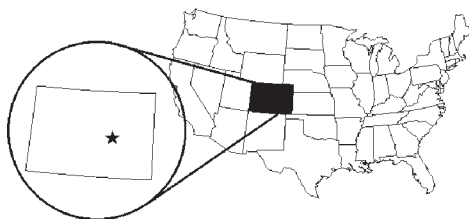
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO



Population Rank: U.S. # 48
Colorado # 2

Proportions: 3:5 (usage)

Adopted: 26 July 1912 (official)



DESIGN: The white field of the Colorado Springs flag is 22 by 46 units, with a blue border 4 units wide on all sides except the hoist, making overall a flag of 30 by 50 units. Indented 8 units from the hoist is a six-sided lozenge (called a “shield” in official descriptions) 20 units from top to bottom, and 11 units across, placed on the field equidistant from top and bottom of the flag. The hoist and fly sides of the lozenge are 12 units from top to bottom parallel to the flag’s width; the four remaining sides (two above and below) are 7 units each. The lozenge has a narrow green border of .8 units. The lower half of the lozenge’s field, a royal blue, is itself a lozenge, resulting in a chevron shape for the top half, which has a white field. In the top third of the blue portion are two gold trapezoidal ingots, placed on either side of the field. Below,

in the lower third of the field, is another gold ingot, in the center. In the upper part of the lozenge is a gold sun rising, with five rays equidistant from each other. The sun is partially obscured by the upper point of the blue lozenge, which represents a mountain peak.

SYMBOLISM: According to the resolution of adoption:

The White Field is intended to represent the cleanliness and health of the City, and the Blue Border our Blue Skies; the Shield carries the Sun, of which we're justly proud; the Mountain stands for Pikes Peak, and on it are pictured the gold ingots of our mining industries; the Green Band about the Shield represents the Park System surrounding the city.

HOW SELECTED: Presented to council by the Civic League.

DESIGNER: Dr. Caroline Spencer and the Civic League.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: When the flag was presented to city council, some council members suggested that "C. S.", the city's initials, be included in the design. The Civic League, ahead of its time with respect to flag design, opposed the idea, and it was dropped. However, when the flag was first flown, shortly after adoption, it caused so much comment and consternation that the administration folded the flag and stored it away. It did not fly again for nearly 70 years. JP 