

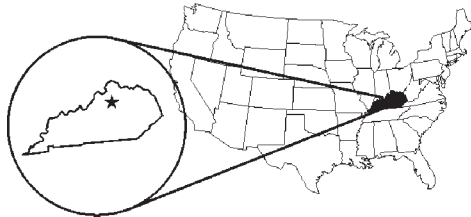
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY ★



Population Rank: U.S. # 1,362
Kentucky # 7

Proportions: 2:3 (usage)

Adopted: 14 September 1959 (official)



DESIGN: The field of Frankfort's flag is white. Centered on the field is a disk with a yellow field, one-fourth the length of the flag in the diameter. Bisecting the disk is an S-shaped blue line, about one-fourteenth the circle's diameter in width, forming a 'yin-yang'-type figure. In the top half of the disk is the old state capitol and in the lower half is the new state capitol, both in blue outline. Surrounding the disk is a wreath, in blue, open at the top. The diameter of the wreath is about three-eighths of the field's length. In the white space between the wreath and the disk appears **FRANKFORT**, arched clockwise over the top of the circle, and **KENTUCKY**, counterclockwise below, all in blue block letters. Midway between the two words are five-pointed stars: gray on

the hoist side and blue on the fly side. Centered below the wreath, midway between the wreath's edge and the edge of the field, appears 1786 in large blue numerals.

In the upper hoist corner is a circular figure resembling a medallion, the outer edge of which is a blue line, with a narrow yellow band immediately within. In the center in yellow with blue shading is a profile of Daniel Boone, facing the fly. The field of the medallion is white. In the upper fly corner is a similar medallion with a three-quarter profile of a Boy Scout, in the same colors, facing the hoist.

SYMBOLISM: The flag was designed to be a reverse of the Kentucky state flag, with yellow and white on blue. The horizontal S-figure in the center of the flag represents the S-curve of the Kentucky River that divides the city. The old capitol symbolizes the past; the new capitol, the present. The blue wreath represents the famed bluegrass of Kentucky. The gray and blue stars signify, respectively, Frankfort's status as a city in both the Confederate States of America (1862-1863) and the United States (from 1792). Frankfort was first settled in 1786.

The hoist medallion with Daniel Boone commemorates him as the discoverer in 1767 of "the fair land of Kentucke", as he described it. The fly medallion recognizes that the first Boy Scout troop in the United States was formed in Frankfort in 1908.

HOW SELECTED: A committee of five local prominent citizens, appointed by the mayor and city commissioners. The committee solicited designs from the community.

DESIGNER: None of the designs had all the elements that the committee had in mind, so the committee itself undertook to design the flag. Hence the designers are Col. George M. Chinn (USMC, ret.), of the Kentucky Historical Society; Ermina Jett Darnell, an artist; Eudora Lindsay South, a music teacher; Margaret Brown Sullivan, an artist; and Allan M. Trout, a journalist.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: The decision to adopt a city flag came about in 1959 because the city had erected a new municipal building,

and the city manager, Russell Marshall, thought it would be appropriate to fly a civic emblem from the new flagpole in front of the building. The idea for a city flag was something of a novelty at the time, since only three other Kentucky cities—Louisville, Newport, and Prestonsburg—had adopted flags.

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