

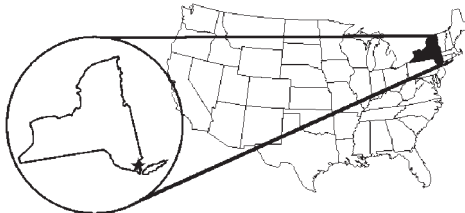
YONKERS, NEW YORK



Population Rank: U.S. # 95
New York # 4

Proportions: 3:5 (official)

Adopted: Unknown



DESIGN: The flag of Yonkers centers the city seal on a white field. The city seal portrays a bust of George Washington facing toward the fly with a furling United States flag below. On an outer ring, **CORPORATION** runs over the top of the seal clockwise and **OF THE CITY OF YONKERS** runs counterclockwise below, separated by five-pointed stars. The outlines of the seal, the lettering, and the bust are dark blue on white; the stripes of the flag are red.

According to *An Ordinance Adopting the Code of the Ordinances of the City of Yonkers*, Article I, Section 1. Corporate Seal (*Code of Ordinances of the City of Yonkers*), adopted 26 December 1911:

The corporate seal of the city shall consist of the device of the bust of Washington with the American flag folded underneath, surrounded by the words Corporation of the City of Yonkers.

However, an even earlier description appears in the *Bylaws and General Ordinances of the Village of Yonkers* amended and adopted as amended on 28 June 1860:

The seal of this corporation shall be of some suitable metal, with the words Corporation of Yonkers engraved around the same, and the head of Washington with the American flag folded under the figure.

The seal's design used by Yonkers as a village was apparently carried over when it was incorporated as a city on 1 June 1872.

SYMBOLISM: There is no official symbolism assigned to the flag. George Washington's image may have been chosen for the seal because during the American Revolution he led the Continental Army, which was often in the area of today's Yonkers.

HOW SELECTED: Unknown.

DESIGNER: Unknown.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: Indoors, the flag has dark blue fringe. The flag dates at least from 3 February 1956 when it appeared in the *Yonkers Herald Statesman*.

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