

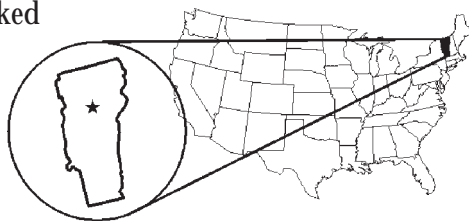
MONTPELIER, VERMONT ★



Population Rank: U.S. . Not ranked
Vermont..... # 6

Proportions: 3:5 (usage)

Adopted: 2000 (unofficial)



DESIGN: The flag of Montpelier has a white field with a rectangular box outlined with a narrow black line. The field is approximately four times wider at the sides of the box than at the top and bottom. Within the rectangle is **MONTPELIER** inscribed across the top in yellow outlined in black; the “M” larger than the other letters. Below, in much smaller black letters, is **CHARTERED IN 1781**. A double line in yellow and black underlines this inscription. In the lower half of the rectangle is a representation of the city. To the left is a dark green mountain and to the right is a medium green mountain. A wavy light blue stripe flows across the lower part of the rectangle at the base of these two mountains. Below the blue stripe and filling the bottom of the rectangle is another dark green area. On the left mountain, toward the hoist of the flag, is a white church with two windows, a door, and a window in the

steeple, all in dark green; to its right is a representation of the statehouse in white with its yellow dome. To the right of the statehouse are three white small rectangles, one immediately to the right of the dome, the second one to its right and above, and the third, further to the right and below the first one.

The mountain toward the fly has another white church with two black windows; to its right are three more white rectangles, the first to the right of the church, the second to its right and slightly above it, and the third, which is about twice the size as the other two, is immediately below the second. To the right of these buildings is a brown barn silo and to its right a brown building with three black windows.

SYMBOLISM: The flag depicts the city of Montpelier, looking north. Montpelier is situated in a valley surrounded by mountains that feature prominently on the flag. Vermont is the Green Mountain State, and these mountains are part of the Green Mountain range. Montpelier is also the capital of Vermont, (it is the smallest capital city in the United States), indicated by the statehouse building with its yellow dome. The light blue stripe at the bottom of the flag symbolizes the confluence of the North Branch and Winooski Rivers in the valley where the city is situated. The white rectangles represent the residential and commercial buildings in the city, as well as Vermont College. White church steeples complete the scenery. The city was chartered in 1781.

HOW SELECTED: The Montpelier Travel and Tourism Committee, chaired by Jon Anderson, completed a project in 2000 to have welcome signs created and located at the major gateways to the city. Linda Mirabile, of Mirabile Designs of Montpelier, designed the signs and a city flag was created to match the signs.

DESIGNER: Linda Mirabile.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: In late autumn of 2000, while working on establishing welcome signs for the city of Montpelier, the city received a request for a Montpelier city flag that could be flown at the 2001 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. Since the city had never had a flag, either official or unofficial, it was suggested the design

for the new welcome signs be incorporated into a flag. This occurred as part of the initiatives by Mayor Charles “Chuck” Karparis to increase the viability and visibility of Montpelier. The design evolved out of a desire to depict key features of the city.

The flag was first presented during the general business segment of the city council meeting on 22 December 2000 by Ms. Beverlee Pembroke Hill, assistant manager to the city and liaison to the Montpelier Travel and Tourism subcommittee of the Montpelier Business Association.

To date, in addition to the 2001 Rose Bowl Parade, it has flown as part of the annual Independence Day celebrations; in December 2001 it flew along American and foreign flags during the Olympic Torch Run through the city and onto the statehouse steps.

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