

GARLAND, TEXAS

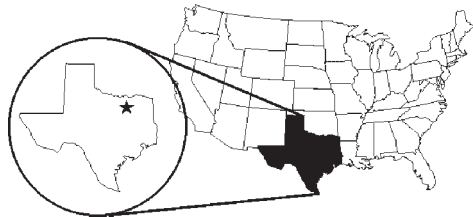


Population Rank: U.S. # 90

Texas # 10

Proportions: 10:19 (official)

2:3 (usage)



Adopted: 12 October 1971 (official)

DESIGN: Garland's flag has a dark blue field with a narrow gold border. In the center of the flag is the circular city seal with a diameter of about 5 units on a field of 6 by 9 units. The seal also has a gold border, slightly narrower than the field's border. The field of the seal is a light blue on which appears a large gold silhouette of Texas that, from top to bottom, covers about three-fourths of the field. Overlaying the state map is a very large dark blue ovoid **G**, bordered in gold, extending nearly the full width of the seal. Curved across the top part of the "G" is **CITY OF GARLAND**, and centered on the lower part is **TEXAS**, all in gold and an Arial-type font. A medium-size gold five-pointed star, edged in dark blue, is positioned over the center bar of the

“G”, marking the city’s location on the state map.

SYMBOLISM: The two shades of blue (PMS 291 and PMS 285) and metallic gold are the official colors of the city. The large “G”, of course, is the initial letter of the city’s name, and the star, aside from denoting the geographic location of the city, suggests the nickname of Texas, “The Lone Star State”. The official 10:19 proportions are the same as the United States flag.

HOW SELECTED: Chosen by the city council.

DESIGNER: Jesse Green, a local graphic artist, designed the flag and seal.



MORE ABOUT THE FLAG:

The official flag, while still in use in Garland, has been supplanted by the city’s “logo flag”, adopted in January 1994 apparently in an effort to present a more modern image. The city’s logo, designed by Dallas design firm Arthur Eisenberg & Associates,

was gradually phased in to replace the city seal on letterheads, vehicles, signage, and flags used by the city. Today the logo flag is seen more often than the official flag.

The logo flag is a horizontal tribar of red, white, and blue stripes in proportions of 1:1.5:1. Centered horizontally on the center stripe is **GARLAND** in blue and an Arial-type font, about .375 units high on a field of 2 by 3 units. The first letter “A” in the name is without its crossbar—in its place are two thin blue curved lines sweeping up to the top of the next letter, “R”, where a small five-pointed red star is perched as if shot from a fireworks rocket. Below the city’s name is a thin red horizontal line. Below the red line, beginning at the base of the “R”, and terminating below the final “D”, is **CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**, in small blue letters. The blue is a medium blue, in between the shades of the two official blue colors adopted in 1971. As a result, the city’s name appears twice on this flag.