



# SALT LAKE CITY TRANSMITTAL

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**Subject:**  
Text Amendment: Enacting City Code 1.09, City flag designs and standards for display

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**Document Type**  
Ordinance

**Budget Impact?**  
☐ Yes  
☒ No

**Recommendation:**  
The City Council adopt the provided ordinance.

**Background/Discussion**  
The Ordinance will enact a new section of City Code for compliance with House Bill 77 of General Legislative Session 2025.

**Will there need to be a public hearing for this item? \***  
☐ Yes  
☒ No

**Public Process**

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# SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE

No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2025

(An ordinance adopting City Flags and Standards for Display of City Flags)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council jointly recognize city flags have the ability to unite and reflect the values of the residents of a city and the employees and elected officials that work under such flags; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that local elected officials are best suited to determine the flags that represent and symbolize the character, ingenuity, perseverance, and norms of the city they were elected to represent; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to adopt flags to formally represent and symbolize the character, ingenuity, perseverance, and norms of Salt Lake City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 1.09 relating to CITY FLAGS, is enacted to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 1.09 CITY FLAGS

### 1.09.010: DEFINITIONS:

CITY: Means the City of Salt Lake City, Utah.

FLAG:

A. Means a depiction or emblem made from fabric or cloth with a specific design.

B. Does not include a depiction or emblem made from:

1. Lights;
2. Paint;
3. Roofing;

4. Siding;
5. Paving materials;
6. Flora;
7. Balloons; or
8. Any other building, landscaping, or decorative component other than fabric or cloth.

C. CITY FLAG: Means any flag set forth in this Chapter, all of which equally represent the City and its character, ingenuity, perseverance, and norms in different ways.

1.09.020: CITY FLAGS:

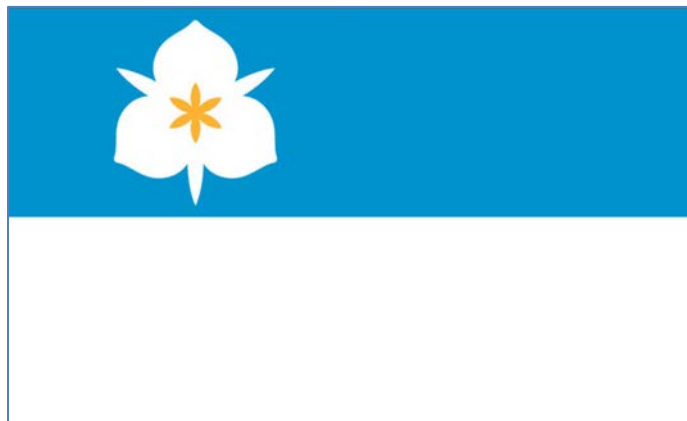
A. Sego Flag:

1. Appearance. The Sego Flag consists of:

- a. Two horizontal stripes; a light blue upper stripe and a white lower stripe.
- b. A white three petal sego lily with a six prong golden stamen in the upper hoist canton.

hoist canton.

- c. The Sego Flag shall appear consistent with the following image:

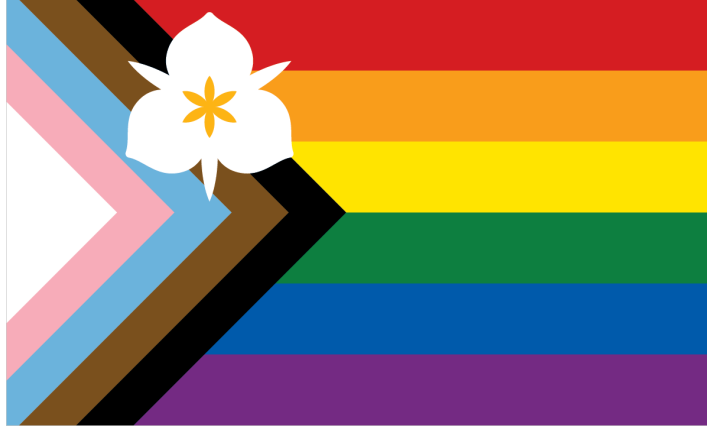


2. Meaning. The elements of the Sego Flag represent the City in the following ways:

- a. The light blue stripe represents the waters of the Great Salt Lake for which the City is named and blue skies over the mountains surrounding the City.
- b. The white stripe represents the salt of the Great Salt Lake and the “Greatest Snow on Earth” that blankets the mountains surrounding the City.
- c. The light blue and white stripes collectively represent peace and justice, which are ideals that unite the City’s diverse population.
- d. The sego lily, which has grown in the Salt Lake Valley for millennia, represents the resilience, acceptance, and belonging that exemplifies Salt Lake City and its residents. The golden stamen represents the future growth that comes with each succeeding generation.

B. Sego Belonging Flag:

- 1. Appearance. The Sego Belonging Flag consists of:
  - a. Six horizontal stripes appearing in the following order starting at the top of the flag: a red stripe, orange stripe, yellow stripe, green stripe, blue stripe, and purple stripe.
  - b. A five colored triangular chevron that overlaps the horizontal stripes on the hoist side of the flag pointing to the right. The chevron starts with a white triangle outlined by pink, light blue, brown, and black in that order.
  - c. A white three petal sego lily with a six prong golden stamen is located in the upper hoist canton.
  - d. The Sego Belonging Flag shall appear consistent with the following image:



2. Meaning. The elements of the Sego Belonging Flag represent the City in the following ways:
- a. The horizontal stripes represent the City's affirmation of the rainbow as a symbol of beauty and diversity in the City, the City's support and acceptance of the LGBTQIA community, and as a symbol of the LGBTQIA community's belonging in the City.
  - b. The white, pink, and light blue elements of the chevron represent the City's support and acceptance of the transgender community and as a symbol of the transgender community's belonging in the City.
  - c. The brown and black elements of the chevron represent the City's support and acceptance of members of marginalized racial and ethnic communities and as a symbol of their belonging in the City.
  - d. The shape of the chevron pointing to the right represents the forward progress made toward embracing all residents of, and visitors to, Salt Lake City and that continued progress should be pursued.
  - e. The sego lily, which has grown in the Salt Lake Valley for millennia, represents the resilience, acceptance, and belonging that exemplifies Salt Lake City and its

residents. The golden stamen represents the future growth that comes with each succeeding generation.

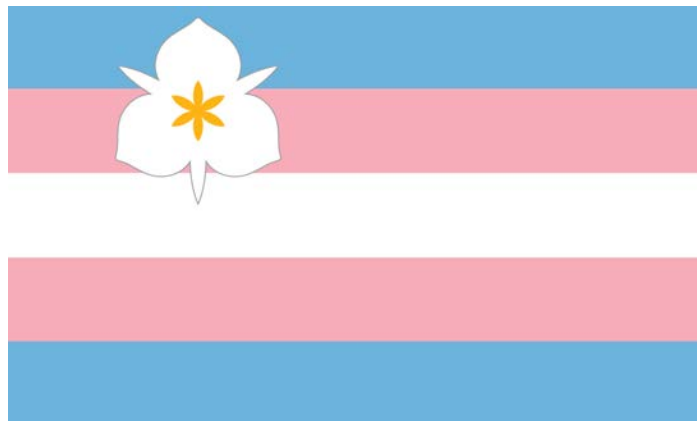
C. Sego Visibility Flag:

1. Appearance. The Sego Visibility Flag consists of:

a. Five horizontal stripes of equal size arranged in the following order from top to bottom—a light blue stripe, a pink stripe, a white stripe, a pink stripe, and a light blue stripe.

b. A white three petal sego lily with a six prog golden stamen is located in the upper hoist canton.

c. The Sego Visibility Flag shall appear consistent with the following image:



2. Meaning. The elements of the Sego Visibility Flag collectively represent the City's support and acceptance of the transgender and nonbinary communities and recognizes their belonging in the City.

a. The symmetrical blue, pink and white design of the Sego Visibility Flag represents the City's commitment to seeing and celebrating the transgender and nonbinary communities.

b. The sego lily, which has grown in the Salt Lake Valley for millennia, represents the resilience, acceptance, and belonging that exemplifies Salt Lake City and its residents. The golden stamen represents the future growth that comes with each succeeding generation.

D. Sego Celebration Flag:

1. Appearance. The Sego Celebration Flag consists of:

- a. A horizontal arc dividing the flag into two parts, with the top portion being blue and the bottom portion being red.
- b. A white five pointed star in the center of the flag.
- c. A white twelve point nova surrounding the central star.
- d. A white three petal sego lily with a six prog golden stamen in the upper hoist canton.
- e. The Sego Celebration Flag shall appear consistent with the following image:



2. Meaning.

- a. The Sego Celebration Flag represents the City's commitment to bringing all Americans together to celebrate our common bond of freedom through the recognition,



observance, education and historic preservation of Juneteenth as a federal, state, and City holiday.

b. The red, white, and blue colors of the Sego Celebration Flag are the same as the American flag, representing the City's ethos that freedom belongs to all Americans.

c. The horizontal arc dividing the flag into two parts represents a new horizon and promise of better things to come for Black Americans, including Black Americans in the City.

d. The white star represents the state of Texas where Juneteenth originated and also symbolizes the recognition of freedom of Black Americans in all 50 states.

e. The white nova surrounding the central star symbolizes a new beginning and freedom for Black Americans across the nation, including Black Americans in the City.

f. The sego lily, which has grown in the Salt Lake Valley for millennia, represents the resilience, acceptance, and belonging that exemplifies Salt Lake City and its residents. The golden stamen represents the future growth that comes with each succeeding generation.

#### 1.09.030: DISPLAY OF CITY FLAGS:

A. The Mayor or their designee shall determine which City Flag or Flags to display at a given time. Such displays may include educational, cultural, or historical observances that celebrate diversity, recognize historical contributions, or promote awareness without engaging in exclusion or discrimination.

B. When displaying more than one flag on a single pole, the order of the flags from top to bottom shall be: the United States Flag, the Utah State Flag, a City Flag. When flags are flown

from adjacent flag poles, the order from highest point of honor to lowest point of honor shall be:  
the United States flag, the Utah State flag, a City Flag.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been  
published in accordance with Utah Code § 10-3-711 and recorded in accordance with  
Utah Code § 10-3-713.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Chris Wharton, Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Keith Reynolds, City Recorder

Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

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Erin Mendenhall, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Keith Reynolds, City Recorder

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2025.  
Published: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Office of the City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: /s/ Mark E Kittrell

Mark E. Kittrell, City Attorney

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