



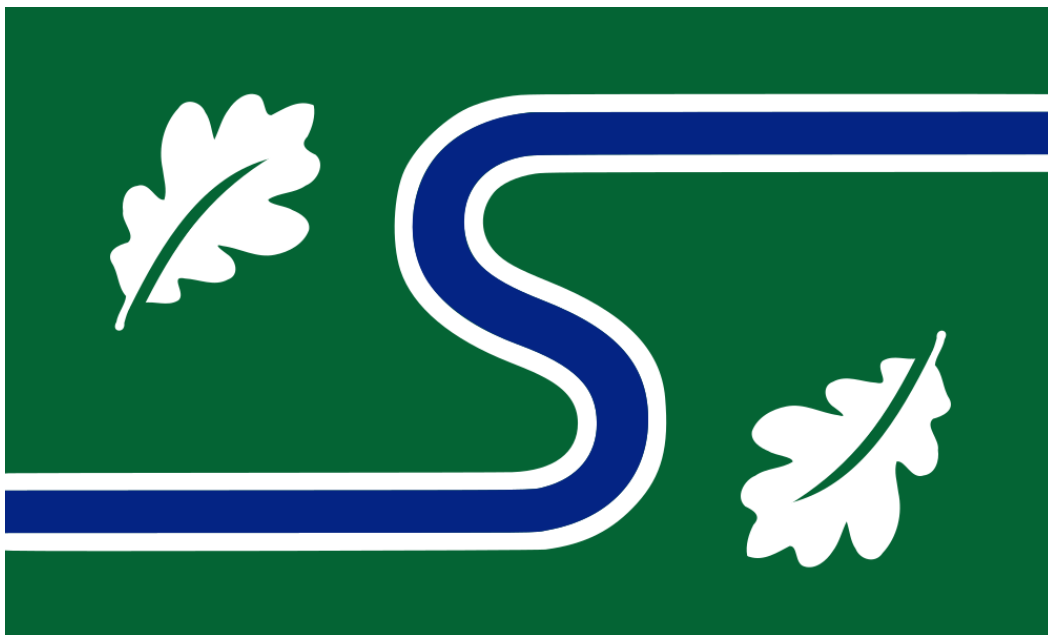
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City of Silverton  
306 S. Water St.  
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## **City Flag Contest – Winner Announced**

On June 3, 2019 Silverton City Council selected Silverton's first City flag. The flag was designed by Benjamin Blair, Eliah Blair, Connor Hill, and Dmitry White. The chosen flag adheres to the basic principles of flag design: keep it simple, use meaningful symbolism, no lettering or seals, and use two or three basic colors.

At the meeting the designers explained how the green background represents Silverton's motto as the Garden City. The blue and white line symbolizes Silver Creek running through the middle of town and is in the shape of an "S" for Silverton. The blue is also the same color as Oregon's State flag to represent unity with the state. The white oak leaves connect to the City's heritage, because Silverton was built on a white oak grove and there was once a large white oak tree in the center of town known as the Old Oak. Councilor Carter added "the white oak connects us to our history and heritage and it stands for wisdom, strength, and longevity, which is everything that we would want to convey that Silverton stands for."



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