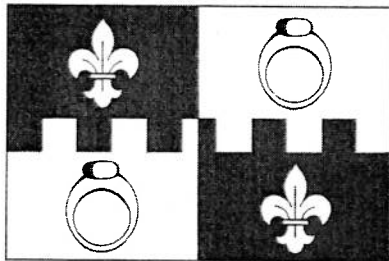# OFFICIAL FLAG OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The flag uses some elements of the family arms of General Richard Montgomery for whom the County was named. It is based on the shield of the official coat of arms of Montgomery County which was designed and approved by The College of Arms in London, England and officially adopted by Bill 38-76 (now Section 1-402 of the County Code) enacted by the County Council on October 5, 1976 at the request of the County Executive.

The gold fleur-de-lis in two quarters of the flag are reminders of the French ancestry of the Montgomery family.

The gold rings with blue gemstones in two quarters of the flag proclaim royal favor and protection and are found in the family coat of arms of General Montgomery's family.

The indented line which separates the upper quarters of the flag from the lower quarters of the flag represents the borders of a local government.

The following specifications are used to produce the County flag: Height to length, 2 to 3. The flag will be quartered by a crenellated line, separating the top two quarters from the two bottom quarters, and a straight vertical line, separating the left two quarters from the two right quarters. The upper left and lower right quarters shall consist of a gold fleur-de-lis on a blue background. The upper right and lower left quarters shall consist of a gold ring with a blue gem on a red background. Crenellated line formed of 11 squares, 1/11 of flag length, with center block split in middle with left side red and right side blue. Rings and fleur-de-lises to be three times as high as a block in the crenellated line with width proportional. Rings and fleur-de-lises centered horizontally on their quarters and spaced vertically so that upper and lower edge of rings and fleur-de-lises are equal distance from horizontal outside edge of quarter and nearest part of crenellated line. Red and blue should be the same shade as is used in the United States flag and gold should be same shade as is used in the Maryland State flag.

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