

TITLE: Use of City Seal and Logo Policy		PAGE: 1 of 4
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## A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy and procedures regarding the use of the City of Chowchilla official seal and log. The seal and logo are considered symbols of the authority and jurisdiction of the City and, as such, are valuable assets of the City and its citizens. This policy desires to ensure that only appropriate uses are made of the City's seal and logo.

## B. GENERAL POLICY

1. The City of Chowchilla seal and logo are the property of the City, used for the purpose of certifying official records and to identify City Programs, initiative, partnerships and sponsorships.
2. The City seal and logo shall be used for official purposes only, or as authorized by the City Administrator or designee.
3. No person shall use a symbol that imitates the City seal or log, or that may be mistaken therefore, that is designed, intended or likely to confuse, deceive, or mislead the public, for private or commercial purposes, or for any purpose other than for the official business of the City, without written authorization from the City Administrator or designee.
4. No person shall use the City seal or logo for purposes of supporting or opposing the nomination or election to any City or other public office of himself or herself or any other person, or for purposes of supporting or opposing any ballot measure, nor include such City seal or logos on any writing distributed for purposes of influencing the action of the electorate or any part thereof, in any election.
5. The City seal or logo may be used on City buildings, elected official pins, City business cards, City letterhead, resolutions, awards and other formal places.
6. Use of the official City Seal or logo may be used in general connection with official City of Chowchilla brochures, publications, insignias, postings, website, painting, pamphlets and City of Chowchilla promotional materials. It will also be used on vehicles, equipment and fixtures such as signage.
7. If used by an outside organization upon the approved, written consent of the City Administrator or designee, the seal or logo must remain in its entirety with no alterations. Elements may not be isolated and/or used alone or in combination with any other art. Specific sections may not be highlighted with other colors. Resolution must be clear when enlarged or reduced for reproduction.
8. All non-City usage, including non-profit usage, required City Authorization.

9. On occasion, the City will authorize the usage of the City seal or logo for signature events or other promotional measures that benefit the community. Any such approval should be considered for the specific event, time and use so approved. Prior approval of a use shall not constitute approval for any future or recurring use.

### **C. PROCEDURES**

1. Any organization wishing to use the official seal or logo shall make an application for such use to the City Administrator's office on the application form approved or amended by the City Council, a copy of which is attached for reference.
2. The City Administrator or designee shall review such applications and determine whether the applicants should be approved or denied.
3. Denials
  - a. In the case of a denial, an organization may make a written appeal of the City Administrator's decision within fourteen (14) days of the City Administrator's decision to the City Council. Appeals shall be made in writing and submitted to the City Clerk's office.
  - b. The appeal shall be placed on the next available City Council agenda.
  - c. The City Council may affirm the City Administrator's decision or direct the City Administrator to allow the usage of the seal or logo. The decision of the City Council shall be final.

### **D. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT**

The City Administrator or designee has responsibility for the enforcement of this policy.



## APPLICATION TO USE CITY SEAL AND LOGO

The City of Chowchilla’s seal and logo are the sole property of the City and, thus, shall only be used upon the expressed, written consent of the City Administrator or designee under the authority granted by the City Council in accordance with the Use of City Seal and Logo Policy. Prior approval of a use shall not constitute approval for any future or recurring use. If the application is denied an organization may make a written appeal of the City Administrator’s decision to the City Council within fourteen (14) days of the City Administrator’s decision. The appeal shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk’s office to be placed on the next available City Council agenda.

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the organization a recognized non-profit organization?

YES, it is a not-for-profit entity (Attach evidence of non-profit status)

NO, it is a for-profit entity

2. Explain what the City seal or logo will be used for:

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3. When will your organization use the City seal or logo?

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where and how will your organization use the City seal or logo?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Will any promotional materials or items using the City seal or logo be sold?

YES       NO

If YES, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Organization Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Organization Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Submit this completed application to the City Clerk's Office, City of Chowchilla, 130 South Second St, Chowchilla, CA 93610; Fax: (559) 665-7418; Email: CityClerk@CityOfChowchilla.org

**INTERNAL USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Denied by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

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