

National Floral Emblem of the United States and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation declaring this fact.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN.

§ 304. National march

The composition by John Philip Sousa entitled “The Stars and Stripes Forever” is the national march.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1263.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
304	36:188.	Dec. 11, 1987, Pub. L. 100–186, 101 Stat. 1286.

§ 305. National tree

The tree genus *Quercus*, commonly known as the oak tree, is the national tree.

(Added Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title I, §109(a), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3344.)

§ 306. National bird

The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is the national bird.

(Added Pub. L. 118–206, §1(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2699.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

RULE OF CONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 118–206, §1(d), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2700, provided that: “Nothing in this section [enacting this section and provisions set out as a note under this section], the amendments made by this section, or the adoption of the bald eagle as the national bird of the United States may be construed or used as a reason to alter, change, modify, or otherwise affect any plan, policy, management decision, regulation, or other action of the Federal Government.”

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 118–206, §1(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2699, provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) bald eagles are a historical symbol of the United States representing independence, strength, and freedom;

“(2) the bald eagle is unique to North America;

“(3) on June 20, 1782, the bald eagle was adopted as the Coat of Arms for the United States Great Seal;

“(4) the bald eagle image remains the leading insignia for all branches of the United States military;

“(5) the bald eagle is the leading image on thousands of Federal Government branches, departments, and agencies, including the President, Vice-President, Congress, and Senate;

“(6) the bald eagle serves as the logo, trademark, and brand icon for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and sports teams across the United States;

“(7) bald eagles are integral to the spiritual lives and sacred belief systems of most Indigenous peoples and Tribal communities;

“(8) bald eagles are prevalent in belief, practice, stories, ceremonies, dance, traditions, songs, regalia, flags, insignias, arts, craft, and other forms of spiritual reverence;

“(9) bald eagle festivals are—

“(A) held in over 100 locations across the United States; and

“(B) key components of community engagement;

“(10) the bald eagle is prevalent on—

“(A) hundreds of United States stamps; and

“(B) many United States coins and currencies;

“(11) the bald eagle is a primary component and symbol on Federal and State flags throughout the United States; and

“(12) joint efforts of the Federal Government and State and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have contributed to the successful recovery of the bald eagle.”

CHAPTER 5—PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109–284, §5(1), (2), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1211, added item 510 and redesignated former item 510 as 511.

§ 501. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) “Inaugural Committee” means the committee appointed by the President-elect to be in charge of the Presidential inaugural ceremony and functions and activities connected with the ceremony; and

(2) “inaugural period” means the period that includes the day on which the Presidential inaugural ceremony is held, the 5 calendar days immediately preceding that day, and the 4 calendar days immediately following that day.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1263.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
501	36:721(b). 36:730.	Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 974, §1(b), 70 Stat. 1049. Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 974, §10, as added Jan. 30, 1968, Pub. L. 90–251, §4, 82 Stat. 4.

In this chapter, the word “Mayor” is substituted for “Commissioners” in the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (ch. 974, 70 Stat. 1049) [subsequently changed to “Commissioner” in 36:ch. 30 because section 401 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967 (5 App. U.S.C.) transferred the functions of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the Commis-

sioner of the District of Columbia and because of 36:730] because of sections 421 and 711 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (Public Law 93-198, 87 Stat. 789, 818), which abolished the office of Commissioner of the District of Columbia and replaced it with the office of Mayor of the District of Columbia.

In this section, the text of 36:721(b)(3)-(5) is omitted because the complete names of the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Secretaries of Defense and of the Interior are used the first time the terms appear in a section.

§ 502. Regulations, licenses, and registration tags

(a) REGULATIONS AND LICENSES.—For each inaugural period, the Council of the District of Columbia shall—

(1) prescribe reasonable regulations necessary to preserve public order and protect life, health, and property;

(2) prescribe special regulations related to the standing, movement, and operation of vehicles; and

(3) grant special licenses to peddlers and vendors to sell merchandise in places the Council considers proper, subject to conditions and fees for the licenses the Council considers proper.

(b) REGISTRATION TAGS.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia may issue, for any motor vehicle made available for the use of the Inaugural Committee, special registration tags, valid for not more than 90 days, designed to celebrate the inauguration of the President and Vice President.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1264.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
502(a)	36:722(a).	Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 974, § 2, 70 Stat. 1049; Jan. 30, 1968, Pub. L. 90-251, § 1, 82 Stat. 4.
502(b)	36:722(b). 36:730.	Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 974, § 10, as added Jan. 30, 1968, Pub. L. 90-251, § 4, 82 Stat. 4.

In this chapter, the words “Council of the District of Columbia” are substituted for “District of Columbia Council” because of sections 401 and 711 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (Public Law 93-198, 87 Stat. 785, 818).

In subsection (a)(2), the words “of whatever character or kind during such period” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “the privilege of”, “goods, wares, and”, and “in the District of Columbia” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words “both duly registered . . . and unregistered”, “a period”, and “the occasion of” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 503. Use of reservations, grounds, and public spaces

(a) PERMIT FOR USE.—With the approval of the officer having jurisdiction over any of the Federal reservations or grounds in the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Interior may grant to the Inaugural Committee a permit to use the reservations or grounds during the inaugural period, including a reasonable time before and after the inaugural period. The Mayor of the

District of Columbia may grant a similar permit to use public space under the Mayor’s jurisdiction. Each permit granted under this subsection is subject to conditions the grantor of the permit prescribes.

(b) REVIEWING STANDS AND COMMERCIAL STANDS AND STRUCTURES.—A reviewing stand or a stand or structure for the sale of merchandise, food, or drink may be built on public grounds in the District of Columbia only if approved by the Inaugural Committee and by the Secretary or the Mayor, as appropriate.

(c) RESTORATION AFTER INAUGURAL PERIOD.—After the inaugural period, the reservation, ground, or public space occupied by a stand or structure shall be restored promptly to its prior condition.

(d) INDEMNIFICATION.—The Inaugural Committee shall indemnify and save harmless the District of Columbia and the appropriate department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government against any loss or damage to, and against any liability arising from the use of, the reservation, ground, or public space, by the Inaugural Committee or a licensee of the Inaugural Committee.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1264.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
503(a)	36:724 (1st, 2d sentences). 36:730.	Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 974, § 4, 70 Stat. 1049. Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 974, § 10, as added Jan. 30, 1968, Pub. L. 90-251, § 4, 82 Stat. 4.
503(b)	36:724 (3d sentence). 36:730.	
503(c)	36:724 (4th sentence).	
503(d)	36:724 (last sentence).	

In subsection (a), the words “restrictions, terms, and” are omitted as unnecessary. The word “prescribes” is substituted for “imposed” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In subsection (b), the words “With respect to public space”, “goods, wares”, “sidewalk, street, park, reservation, or other”, and “depending on the location of such stand or structure” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (d), the words “department, agency, or instrumentality” are substituted for “agency” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “or agencies” are omitted because of 1:1.

§ 504. Installation and removal of electrical facilities

(a) INSTALLATION.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia may allow the Inaugural Committee to install suitable overhead conductors and electrical facilities, with adequate supports. The official in charge of a park or reservation in the District of Columbia in which it is necessary to place wires shall supervise the placing and removal of those wires.

(b) REMOVAL.—The conductors and supports shall be removed not later than 5 days after the end of the inaugural period.

(c) INDEMNIFICATION.—The United States Government and the District of Columbia may not incur any expense or damage from the installa-