



November 3, 2025

Dear Abilene Supporter,

Visitors to Abilene frequently comment on the beautiful American flags lining Buckeye Avenue and NW 3rd Street. These flags are a source of pride and one of the many wonderful features that make our community stand out as one of the Best U.S. Small Towns to Visit.

As we look ahead to 2026, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it is more important than ever that Abilene shines. America 250 will be a once-in-a-generation opportunity to celebrate our nation's founding, and our flags will play a major role in showing our patriotism to residents and the thousands of visitors who will come to Abilene.

To prepare for this milestone year, the City of Abilene's Convention & Visitors Bureau is seeking sponsors for the American flags, which are placed on poles from I-70 along Buckeye Avenue to the south city limits and from Buckeye west on NW 3rd Street. The flags are flown from the Eisenhower Marathon weekend in April through Veterans Day. Because they are displayed for seven months, the flags and poles experience significant wear and tear, and the City of Abilene's Public Works Department replaces them as needed.

Our goal is to raise enough funds to purchase 200 new flags for the 2026 season so that Abilene is ready for America 250 in 2026. Although the cost of flags and poles has risen significantly, we've kept sponsorships at \$25 so that more people can participate. Your sponsorship helps offset the cost of purchasing and maintaining the flags and ensures this beloved tradition continues.

We invite you to be part of this effort by sponsoring one or more flags this year. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Abilene CVB by **January 23, 2026**.

Thank you for helping Abilene put its best foot forward for America 250!

Sincerely,

Julie Roller Weeks

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ABILENE, KANSAS
2026 American Flag
Sponsorship Form

_____ Number of flags and poles I/we wish to sponsor @ \$25.00 each

Name or Business Name*: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

**Name(s) will be listed on our website and included in our e-newsletter.*

Payment methods:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Abilene CVB

OR

We now accept credit cards. Please visit www.AbileneKansas.org/flags and click on the "order now" button at the bottom of the page.

Please return this form by January 23, 2026

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