

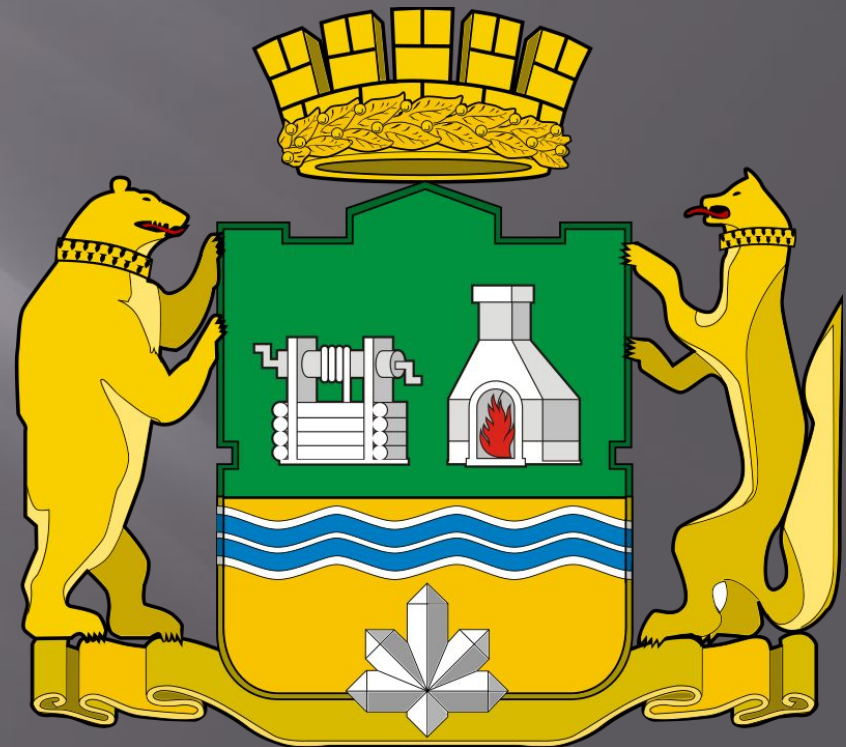
# WHAT DO THE ANIMALS DEPICTED ON THE EMBLEM OF EKATERINBURG MEAN?

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- ▣ The name "Ekaterina" for this Siberian settlement is very important, as Empress Catherine I gave the name, and her follower granted the status of the city, and she also approved the first official symbol - the coat of arms of Yekaterinburg, and some of its elements are present in the depiction of the modern heraldic sign.

# Description of the arms

- The main official symbol of Yekaterinburg has a more complicated composition, in comparison with other Russian cities. In addition to the actual shield, which itself has an unusual shape, there are the following important elements in the arms:
  - shield holders in the shape of a bear and a sable;
  - gold tape in the base;
  - silver crystal druses;
  - crown in the form of a tower-fortress and twisting its laurel wreath



- ▣ The appearance of each of the elements is deeply thought out and symbolic: for example, the bear and sable, the most famous representatives of the Taiga kingdom, were chosen as the bearers of the Taiga kingdom, the first animal often acts as the owner of the forest, the sable refers to animals whose production significantly increased the region's riches. as a kind of defenders of the city (this is evidenced by their menacing poses, mouths, showing fangs and teeth).

- ▣ The Golden Ribbon, which can be seen on the photo of the coat of arms, emphasizes "metropolitanity, "because Ekaterinburg is one of the largest Russian cities, the Silver Druze talks about the natural wealth of the Urals, in particular the deposits of ores, precious metals and stones.

The crown appeared on the emblem of Ekaterinburg not so long ago, in May 2008. But it is a reference to history, to the birth of the city, which appeared as a fortress. The laurel wreath traditionally symbolizes victory.

# Elements of the shield and their symbols

- ▣ The shield of the Yekaterinburg emblem, firstly, has a complex, unconventional heraldic form, and secondly, it contains elements related to the modern life of the city and its history. In addition, the coat of arms has a complex palette of colors. The field itself is divided into two parts, green and gold, which can be related to the geographical location of Ekaterinburg, located as if on the border of Europe and Asia. In the lower gold field there is a blue wavy line, a reminder of the Iset River flowing in these places. In the upper field there are two more symbolic images, one of them resembles a well. This element was also present on the coat of arms of 1783, symbolizing the mining industry, one of the most important in the region. The second important area in the city's economy is the metallurgical industry, symbolically it is shown through the image of a blast furnace.

Thank you for attention!