# **Parade Participant Safety Rules**



To ensure a safe and successful parade experience for everyone involved, please carefully follow these rules and procedures:

### 1. Compliance with Officials

All participants must follow instructions from government employees and designated parade staff at all times.

# 2. Staging Area Protocol

Remain in your assigned location prior to the parade start. Be prepared to begin the procession immediately when directed.

#### 3. Maintain Parade Flow

Once the parade begins, keep a consistent pace approximately 20 feet behind the entry ahead of you. Do not stop or delay the procession for any reason.

### 4. Emergency Situations

If you experience mechanical issues or health concerns (human or animal), move to the side of the street promptly to allow others to pass and to facilitate emergency assistance.

## 5. Safety on Floats and Vehicles

Exercise extreme caution while walking or riding. Once the parade starts, all participants must remain on their designated vehicle or float—even if it temporarily stops. Children must be closely supervised at all times.

#### 6. Distribution of Items

Throwing objects, including candy, is strictly prohibited. If distributing items, walkers must be positioned on both sides of the vehicle and hand out items in clear plastic bags to prevent spectators from entering the parade route.

### 7. Conduct and Behavior

Disorderly conduct, confrontations, obscene or offensive gestures, comments, signs, or posters are not allowed. If an issue arises, notify a law enforcement officer for assistance.

# 8. Driving Standards

Careless or reckless driving, including tire spinning or burnouts, is strictly prohibited.

## 9. Legal Compliance

All participants are subject to applicable state laws, city ordinances, and parade policies.

# 10. City Authority

The City reserves the right to modify parade procedures at any time to protect public safety and well-being.

### 11. Violations and Penalties

Any breach of these rules, laws, or directives may result in removal from the parade and/or formal charges.

| Participant Signature:    | Date: | / <u>2025</u> |
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| Participant Printed Name: |       |               |

Application Submission Deadline Date: November 9, 2025