



## Special Event Guidelines

### Parade and Float Requirements

**A** float is a unit specifically designed or constructed for use in conjunction with a parade or public gathering. A parade vehicle is a self-propelled wheeled conveyance not running on rails used in conjunction with a parade or public gathering. Any decorated float or vehicle must be inspected by the Fire Marshal prior to the start of the parade or its usage for any other activity. The following information has been developed to provide you with the minimum regulations for the operation of a float and/or parade vehicle:

#### Float/Parade Vehicle Requirements

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- Participants on a float are not permitted to throw, toss or drop objects from the float to the crowd.
- All decorative materials used must be fire resistant or flame retardant.
- All motorized apparatus must have a fire extinguisher with a minimum UL rating of 2-A-10B: C that is accessible to the operator.
- All engines must be cleaned prior to use to prevent overheating and to reduce fire hazards.
- All engines must be equipped with an air cleaner or flame arrester.
- No smoking is permitted on floats and parade vehicles.
- No open flames are permitted on floats and/or parade vehicles.
- No flammable or combustible liquids are permitted on floats and parade vehicles.
- All exhaust pipes must be leak-free and insulated from float and vehicle decorations.
- If a gasoline-powered electrical generator is used and is located on the float (rather than on a trailer), a second 2-A-10B: C extinguisher must be located near the generator.
- Side rails/barriers or other approved restraints are required to prevent a person and/or objects from falling off a float and/or parade vehicle.



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### **Driver Requirements**

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- All drivers must have a valid driver's license.
  - If enclosed, a driver and all passengers must have a minimum of two escape routes.
  - The driver's compartment must be properly ventilated to prevent accumulation of exhaust fumes such as carbon monoxide.
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