

# 4th of July Parade Rules & Regulations

## Ashland Chamber of Commerce

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The following rules are to insure reasonable safety to life and property in the operation of parade floats; automobiles; and similar conveyances within the city limits of Ashland.

**PLEASE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE RULES. BY SIGNING YOUR PARADE APPLICATION AND PAYING THE ENTRY FEE, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND EVERYONE INVOLVED IN YOUR ENTRY WILL UPHOLD ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE CITY OF ASHLAND.**

1. THE ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT THE APPEARANCE, CONTENT AND MESSAGE OF YOUR ENTRY ADDRESS THE THEME OF THE PARADE WHICH IS:
2. **PARADE ENTRIES MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF ALL PARADE OFFICIAL.**
3. An entry may not include any image or content that includes nudity, profanity, lewdness, illegal drugs, violence, obscenity, hate, racism, or that is vulgar or sexually explicit, insulting or offensive to any ethnic, religious, political or other identifiable group or individual, as determined by a parade official.
4. **Entries must be appropriate for a FAMILY AUDIENCE.**
5. A complete parade entry packet includes:
  - a. A completed application form;
  - b. A photo, sketch or artist's rendering of your entry; and
  - c. The full entry fee (including the additional late fee, if applicable).
  - d. A sample of any and all items—including candy to be handed out along parade route**Incomplete parade entry packets will be returned to applicants with no action taken.**
6. Improper use of the American flag is not permitted. Proper use of the American flag is based upon U.S. flag policy set forth in the U.S. Code.
7. All entries must comply with the noise level standards set forth in the City of Ashland's municipal code (9.08.170) which addresses unnecessary noise. Entries may be requested by a parade official to reduce their volume if it is deemed excessive and/or disturbing to the official and/or the parade audience. ([www.ashland.or.us](http://www.ashland.or.us) – municipal code)
8. **NO squealing tires; burning rubber; visible exhaust; revving engines; loud engine or muffler noise; rapid acceleration; swerving toward side of street; exceeding 5 mph; approaching within 10 feet of curb. All wheels of motorized vehicles must stay in contact with the ground at all times – NO WHEELIES!**
9. **Materials used in construction, decoration, etc. must be flame retardant. Materials such as straw or hay must likewise be treated.**
10. Where a person is within a float, such as a driver, there shall be no combustible material within five feet of his/her exit way.
11. Motorized floats, or floats pulled by a motorized vehicle, automobiles and go carts shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a classification of at least 2A 10BC. (When vehicle and trailer are connected as a single unit, one extinguisher will meet this requirement.) Bicycles, motorcycles, and boats are not required to carry extinguishers.
12. Horse-drawn wagons and other non-motorized conveyances using straw or other combustible materials shall carry extinguishers as prescribed above.
13. There shall be **NO SMOKING** allowed on any entry and **no person shall cause or permit any open flames upon or within the area of any entry including open fires, torches, matches, flame throwing, fire starters, lanterns and no burning of any object whatsoever is permitted.**

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14. No combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than two (2) vehicles. Vehicles towing trailers must be equipped with a tow bar or coupling device of sufficient strength to hold the weight of the towed vehicle upon the street when operated.
15. Vehicles towing trailers must be equipped with safety chains, connected to the towed and towing vehicle and to the tow bar so as to prevent the tow bar from dropping to the ground in the event the tow bar or coupling device fails. No one shall be allowed to walk or stand directly behind between the back of the towing vehicle and the front of the towed trailer.
16. Safety chains shall have no more slack than is necessary to permit proper turning.
17. An entry **may not exceed 40 feet in length and 13½ feet in height**. All walking entries, other than marching bands, are asked to keep their entries to a maximum of 40 feet in length. Entries will not be allowed to stop and conduct maneuvers of any kind along the parade route. **ALL MANEUVERS MUST MOVE IN A STEADY FORWARD MOTION AND IN KEEPING WITH THE PACE OF THE PARADE.**
18. All entries shall stay in their assigned position in the parade and staging area.
19. Operators of vehicles shall not have their vision obstructed. Each operator of a motorized vehicle shall have a current Oregon Operators License permitting the operation of such vehicle.
20. Persons riding on floats shall be located on the main part of the float and positioned in such a way so as not to obstruct the vision of the operator.
21. Persons shall remain on the unit to which they are assigned to the end of the parade route, except in case of emergency.
22. No unit shall disband until reaching the destination indicated on the permit, except in case of emergency.
23. The drinking, display or possession of alcoholic beverages, or other intoxicants or controlled substances, is absolutely prohibited. City ordinances and state laws will be enforced.
24. The display or discharge of real or facsimile firearms, fireworks or other explosive devices is prohibited, other than official parade color guard, active military and uniformed law enforcement. Violators will be prosecuted.
25. **NO THROWING OF ANY ITEMS FROM MOVING VEHICLES. Any entry wishing to distribute candy MUST have a person walk alongside of the moving vehicle or entry to hand out such items. The throwing of any object or substance, or spraying of any liquid (INCLUDING WATER), into the crowd is prohibited.**
26. **No animals will be permitted unless under the control of a trainer or experienced handler or rider. All animals other than horses must be on a leash. No animals may be mistreated or hit in any fashion, and no spurs may be used on any horse. Participants with animals must provide and carry implements for removing animal waste and must clean up their animal waste immediately, before the following parade participant reaches the waste. No animal shall be permitted to get within ten feet of any spectator or any parade participant other than a participant in the same parade entry as the animal. No more than two horses can travel down the parade route side by side in the middle of the street.**
27. Each motorized vehicle shall have current liability insurance in compliance with Oregon law, with recommended coverage of 100/300,000 liability and 100,000 property damage.
28. Every vehicle, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be equipped with operating brakes in good working order and shall not emit any "Backfire" or "Explosions" or sparks, flames or combustible gasses.
29. Parade entries that wish to be judged must be in place and ready to be judged at the time specified. Judging time will be indicated when you receive your entry number and lineup map.
30. Entry numbers must be displayed in such a manner that they can be seen **BEFORE** the entry arrives at the judging stand.
31. **THE ASHLAND FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE AN ENTRY FROM STARTING THE PARADE, OR TO REMOVE AN ENTRY AFTER IT HAS STARTED DOWN THE PARADE ROUTE, IF ANY OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE VIOLATED.**