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Wilmington's
HOMETOWN
HOLIDAZZLE
Illuminated parade and festival

Parade Rules and Regulations

Please read the following instructions before completing and returning your parade application.

1. ALL entries must have lights on them.

2. There will be no more than 70 entries. Entries will be evaluated for acceptance based on theme use, entertainment value and use of lights (clear and colored).

3. A maximum of 4 animal units will be accepted into the parade. If you have a vehicle accompanying your animals, it MUST have lights on it as well as the animals.

4. Holiday drill teams are groups performing in the sprit of the "briefcase drill team." For example, Kroger is entering a grocery cart drill team. These are meant to be entertaining in a humorous way. Minimum number in the team is 10 and maximum is 20. Drill teams will have an individual briefing of parade regulations.

5. No unit will be admitted into the parade that has not been pre-approved. Entries will NOT be accepted or considered after Nov. 9, 2007.

6. The HoliDazzle committee reserves the right to reject any entry that is not in

good taste, is inappropriate, or is not in the best interest of the parade.

7. Entries depicting a political organization, candidate or controversial issue will not be considered.

8. Maximum height for entries is **12.6 feet** from ground. Maximum width is **8.6 feet. Maximum length is 55 ft.**

9. **All units are required to restrict stopping to a minimum at all times.**

10. All entries should be properly identified with signs or banners with each organization's name. A holiday message is suggested. This is not a commercial parade – please, no sales messages.

11. Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Parade chairman must have copy of the driver's license one week prior to parade day.

12. Sirens and horns c**an only be used with advance approval of the parade committee.** They frighten young children and animals and compete with musical units and are not in keeping with the parade holiday ambience.

13. Only one powered vehicle will be permitted for each entry.

14. **A maximum of 20 walkers is permitted with your entry,** with the exception of bands.

15. Equestrian and animal units must provide their own accompanying cleanup personnel and equipment. Please make sure the horses have proper shoes. If you have a vehicle, carriage, etc., it must have lights on it to go through the parade.

16. All parade participants are required to conduct themselves in such a manner as not to infringe on the rights of those people living in and along the staging areas and parade route. **NO solicitation is allowed during the event.**

17. Applications must be received at the Main Street Wilmington office on or before Friday, Nov. 9, 2007. Application can be mailed to 117 N South St., Wilmington, OH 45177, or faxed to (937) 382-3528.

18. Please don't include a Santa or Mrs. Claus, please. We have invited the real

Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Safety Requirements

1. **No objects including candy, fliers, or favors may be THROWN out along the entire parade route or in the staging area. Wilmington city law prohibits throwing of items in a parade.**
2. There will be no fueling of generators during the parade. Fuel cans are not allowed to be stored on the entry.
3. There will be no live fires on any floats, including in wood stoves. No straw or hay is to be used.
4. One current 5-pound ABC dry chemical extinguisher must be carried and accessible on each float.
5. There are to be no vision obstructions to tow vehicles. An observer other than the driver is required with all towed entries. The observer can walk or ride with the entry.
6. Electrical problems are a concern. Safety inspectors will look for common hazards such as exceeding the number of light strands per manufacturer's specifications, faulty extension cords, staples in wiring, etc.
7. There will be a brief mandatory drivers meeting at 6:15 pm in the staging area on the night of the parade.
8. Float riders are only permitted to ride on the float during the parade.
9. Alcohol beverages are not allowed in the staging area, during the parade or dispersement.
10. No smoking near or on entries.
11. Please place your generators in a well ventilated area on your entry. We recommended use of 10- to 12-gauge wire to the generator.
12. Any violation of the rules or safety requirements could result in the removal or the unit from parade.