

Murray Fun Days Parade Rules

MURRAY CITY IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR INJURIES

The City recommends that each entry carry insurance appropriate for its level of participation.

By signing the parade application and paying the entry fee, you certify that you and everyone involved in your entry will uphold all parade rules and regulations.

1. General Safety Requirements:

- a. **Water toys.** Participants Are Not Permitted use any water toys! Handouts may be distributed by hand from parade walkers to spectators at the curbside
- b. **Children.** All children in the parade under the age of 18 must be under adult supervision at all times.
- c. **Candy** may be gently tossed not thrown. It should clear the path of the vehicle so as to not encourage children into the path of that or any moving vehicle.
- d. **Projectiles.** No person shall discharge firearms, **pyrotechnics**, noise makers, fireworks, water cannons, squirt guns, silly string, or any other projectiles during the parade.
- e. **Alcohol and Drugs.** No alcohol, drugs, smoking or inebriation is allowed with any parade entry at the time of set up or while in route. State and local laws will be enforced.
- f. **Helmets.** Anyone riding a motorcycle, bicycle, ATV, scooter, skateboard or similar vehicle must wear a helmet at all times. Use of hover boards is prohibited.
- g. **Personal Safety.** Safety for all float riders and participants is the responsibility of each float sponsor or organizer.
- h. **Non-Compliance.** The City reserves the right in its sole discretion, at any time, and by any member of the City's parade staff, the Fire Department, the Police Department, or the City's Risk Manager, to remove from the parade any entry or unit violating any of these rules. The City has the right to take any other action it deems necessary to keep participants and spectators safe during the parade.

2. Float/Vehicle Safety Requirements:

- a. **Floats.** All floats must be structurally sound, safely designed and free from any hazards that may potentially harm participants or spectators.
- b. **Vehicles.** Vehicles and trailers shall be properly licensed, insured and registered with the State of Utah; proof of insurance shall be kept in the vehicle at all times. Vehicle owners and operators warrant that vehicles are in good working order and have passed a recent safety inspection. In particular, brakes and steering must operate correctly.
- c. **Decorations.** All decorative materials used on any float/vehicle shall be manufactured or treated to be flame retardant. Decorations shall not cover any exhaust pipe or be placed in a position that may interfere with the exhaust system.
- d. **Field of Vision.** Floats shall be designed to allow the driver 180 degrees of clear forward vision at all times, and an unobstructed rear view of the float. If an unobstructed view to the rear is not possible, a spotter must walk alongside the operator to monitor float activity.
- e. **Fire Extinguisher.** Each float shall have at least one UL approved fire extinguisher placed in an easily accessible location.
- f. **Flammable/Combustible Liquids.** Parade vehicles may not contain open flames, flammable/combustible liquids, or any explosives devices.
- g. **Generators.** Any portable generator used must be securely mounted and have appropriate exhaust. No flammable decorations may be placed near the generator.
- h. **Float Height.** The top of floats shall have a maximum height of 13.6 feet from the ground, including riders, and must be capable of clearing all obstacles.

3. **Driver Safety Requirements:**

- a. **Drivers.** All drivers must have a valid adult driver's license, be in compliance with all State laws, and in competent condition to safely operate the vehicle.
- b. **Speed.** Drivers of all vehicles must travel at a slow parade pace, **minimize abrupt starts/stops, and not perform unsafe maneuvers like racing, burnouts, wheelies, or doughnuts.** Drivers shall not deviate from the designated parade route, or pass other parade entries except in cases of emergency or if directed by City staff.

4. **Participant Safety Requirements:**

- a. **Participants.** All participants must dress modestly and behave in a safe and appropriate manner. They may not encourage anyone to leave the spectator area or approach any vehicle.
- b. **Riders.** All riders must be at least 18 inches from the edge of a float and may not ride on or hang over the edge of any parade vehicle. No one may ride on any section of a vehicle that is not designed for the safe transport of passengers. Riders under the age of 13 must be seated at all times and under adult supervision. Riders may not get on or off the vehicle at any time during the parade, except in the case of emergency. There shall be no performances from a moving vehicle unless the performers are seated, or there are side rails on the float to prevent someone from falling off.
- c. **Walkers.** Walkers accompanying a float or vehicle must walk along the side of the vehicle (not in front of, or behind), shall maintain a distance of at least 10 feet from the vehicle at all times, and must never approach the vehicle during the parade.
- d. **Standing Riders.** Each standing float rider must be provided with a firm, adequate support (i.e. handhold, rail, barrier, rope), that is away from the edge of the float.
- e. **Performers/Walking Groups.** Performers shall keep up with the pace of the parade, and shall not act or perform in any manner that causes a temporary or permanent stopping or slowing of any vehicles in the parade. All groups must ensure that everyone is capable of walking the entire distance of the parade route in the heat of a July day, and provide sufficient water.

5. **Animal Safety Requirements:**

- a. **Trained.** Only animals that are properly trained and able to handle large crowds, loud/sudden noises and the presence of other animals are permitted to participate in the parade.
- b. **Restrained.** Animals shall be properly restrained at all times and remain under the constant control of a trainer or experienced handler or rider at all times.
- c. **Spectator Interaction.** No animal may be permitted to get within 10 feet of a spectator or any parade participant other than a participant in the same entry.
- d. **Clean-Up.** Applicant must ensure that waste is cleaned before the next parade entry arrives.

The Applicant/Sponsor certifies that it has provided these Rules to each of its Participants, agrees to abide by them and shall enforce them with its participants when necessary. The Applicant/Sponsor and all its Participants fully acknowledge and assume the risks of participating in the parade. By participating in the parade, the Applicant/Sponsor agrees to and assumes all liability for any damage or injury to property or persons caused by it or any of its Participants, or suffered by it or any of its Participants, which occurs for any reason, and fully releases the City therefrom.