

# 2021 City of Montgomery Independence Day Parade

## **Parade Unit Application Rules & Regulations**

- Applicants are responsible for the conduct of its participants and agree to all rules and regulations.
- Entries with children under age 18 must provide parents or other adults to supervise.
- A maximum of 80 units will be allowed in the parade.

### **Line Up:**

- The parade begins promptly at 10 a.m. Due to the size of the parade and traffic limitations, parade entries should arrive by 8:30 a.m. Walking units should be in position, assembled and ready to go by 9:30 a.m. If entries are not in place by the time in which they are assigned, they may lose their spot in the parade.
- Changes may not be made to the parade unit without prior approval from the Event Staff.

### **Animals:**

- Units with animals must always maintain control. All animals must have updated vaccinations, be in good health and able to cope with crowds and other animals.
- The City of Montgomery is not responsible for cleaning up after animals. You must provide someone to clean up immediately, if necessary, after any animals.

### **Parade Route:**

- All parade participants are expected to conduct themselves courteously.
- All automobiles must be driven by a licensed vehicle operator and be covered under an auto insurance policy.
- During the parade, drivers must maintain 20 feet – 30 feet (2-3 car lengths) from the preceding unit.
- Hard Candy may be tossed, not thrown or flung, from cars, floats or moving vehicles. It is preferred that candy be handed out at the curb by walking along the parade route next to spectators. It is very dangerous for spectators to run into the street for candy or other hand-outs.
- No firearms shall be fired, and no open flames allowed.
- No parade entries will be permitted to discharge firecrackers, caps, blanks, incendiary devices or other equipment that might startle or excite animals in the parade.
- All floats must have a fire extinguisher.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the staging area or on any parade entry at any time before or during the parade. Bottled water and soda are allowed.
- For safety reasons, no one may step on or off a float or any motorized unit until it is at a complete stop. No one is allowed to ride on a running board, hood, roof or vehicle fender.
- All entries must complete the entire route.
- Although the parade ends at Schoolhouse Lane, motorized units must continue along Schoolhouse Lane to keep the parade moving. Disembark on Jolain Drive or Shelldale Way, off of Tollgate Lane.

### **Parade Movement:**

- The continuity and movement of the parade is considered of paramount importance for the enjoyment of the event. Therefore, all entries must always continue in a forward motion with exception to the performance area only. No units may stop to perform or address the crowds anywhere along the parade route unless your unit is specifically notified to stop by a parade official.
- The parade will stop for one to two-minute performances at the announcer stands. Performances must be noted on the parade application and must be confirmed by a parade official.

### **Weather and Water:**

- To help avoid the heat we will be starting the parade at 10:00 a.m. Please don't forget to bring water for your entry team and hand misters if needed.
- The parade will go on rain or shine so be prepared for anything.

**Violation of Rules and Regulations:**

- Anyone that violates any part of the above rules and regulations will first be given a verbal or written warning and, upon a second such violation, may be asked to leave the parade. The City of Montgomery has the right to remove any parade unit from the line-up at its sole discretion.

**Waiver:**

**By signing the entry application, you have agreed to the following.**

I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and understand the parade rules and regulations. I/we understand that any violation may result in removal from the parade and possible denial of entry in future parades. The City of Montgomery will NOT be responsible for any injury, damage or loss that may occur to any person, animal or equipment belonging to entrant, or which may be caused by entrant, it's agents, servants, or employees to any other person or property and entrant hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Montgomery, it's agents, servants, and employees harmless from any claim or damage which may be asserted for loss of, or damage to, any property whatsoever, or for personal injury to or death of any person caused by or contributed to in any way by entrant. Return of this signed application shall be deemed acceptance of this provision.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic, is extremely contagious and is believed to be spread primarily from person-to person contact. The City has put in place preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, I recognize that the City cannot guarantee that I or my child/children will not become infected with COVID-19 and attending this event could increase my risk and the risk of my child/children of contracting COVID-19. By signing this document, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child/children may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I agree and acknowledge that this Release, Waiver, and Indemnification specifically includes any claim, demand, liability, cost, suit, charge or compensation for loss or injury of any kind arising out of or related to COVID-19.

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Signature/Date