

4TH OF JULY PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

The intent of the City of Monterey's 4th of July Parade is for participants of all ages to have fun and the themes conveyed should be understandable by children and appropriate for viewing by children. The Parade is intended to be a fun, local event for the Monterey community to celebrate Monterey and the 4th of July.

This Parade is not judged or sanctioned. No awards will be given to any parade entry.

The Parade will be limited to participation by 100 units. A Parade unit is limited to no more than 50 persons and a maximum of 2 vehicles. The 100 entries to the Parade will be selected in the order that the application is received. This requirement is intended to limit the time of the Parade to approximately one hour and a half, so as to move participants along to the Lawn Party, which begins at 11:00.

No entry will be allowed that conveys any obscene message, as viewed by the Monterey parade viewing community, which includes children of all ages.

All participants, in consideration of participation in this event, agree to indemnify, hold harmless and release the City of Monterey, its agents and employees, from any and all liability for any injury or damage which may arise out of or in any way be connected with participation in the City of Monterey 4th of July Parade.

Applications must be thorough and complete and submitted by the deadline set by the Recreation and Community Services Department. Each section must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will NOT be processed and parade entry will not be allowed. Applications must be submitted in person to the Recreation and Community Services Department. Applications submitted before the opening date, and those received after the deadline, will NOT be accepted.

Parade entry descriptions should include a comprehensive description of the entry. The City reserves the right to edit the description of your unit to fit within the time frame allowed for the Parade. Changes to the Parade entry description must be submitted to the Recreation & Community Services Department prior to July 1. No changes will be accepted after that date.

You will be informed of your entry's acceptance to participate in the Parade no later than May 15. Decisions made by staff under these Rules and Regulations can be appealed to the City Manager or his representative.

Applicants are required to comply with the Parade entry description set forth in their application. Additions to parade entries of persons or vehicles are not allowed due to limited spacing.

Line-up information will be mailed to all units no later than June 15. It will include the unit's staging area and position in the Parade. It is the applicant's responsibility to inform all members of the unit's official entry name, number, position and other instructions.

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Parade line-up will be based on proper flow and movement of the Parade, Parade staging space and safety. Parade dignitaries will be placed toward the front of the Parade. Parade units with musical aspects will be evenly spaced throughout the Parade. Only the Parade marshal(s) can authorize a switch of the line-up on the day of the Parade. If a Parade unit changes its line-up, without approval, its entry in future events will be denied.

All entries must indicate if they have music or sound amplifying systems, and shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals. If a unit is informed by the Parade marshal(s) or the Police that the noise generated by their unit is too loud; they shall immediately turn the volume down or take other steps identified by the marshal or the Police.

Entries with children under the age of 18 must also have parents or other adult chaperones walking alongside who provide supervision. Applicants are required to ensure the safety of persons riding on the floats. Persons riding on floats or flatbed trucks must be seated if there are no protective restraints. The City is not responsible for the safety of the float or the persons riding the float. The applicant is required to comply with all applicable laws to ensure everyone's safety.

No material may be thrown, discarded or sprayed by or from any entry. No horns shall be honked (especially air horns). Printed literature, samples, gifts, candy, etc. are not to be distributed by Parade units, as they cause a litter problem. We do not want any children running into the streets in front of cars so candy may NOT be tossed into the crowd. If the Parade marshal(s) or the Police find that any unit is throwing material, the unit will be removed from the Parade.

All dogs in the Parade must be kept on leashes and held by someone strong enough to manage them.

Animals participating in the Parade must be kept under control. If you cannot control your animal or its presence presents any safety issue, please leave the Parade area with your animal rather than risk a problem.

Entries involving animals of any kind must provide their own clean-up, or "pooper-scooper" immediately following their entry.

Participants on bicycles, scooters, skates, skateboards, etc. must wear a helmet and proper safety equipment.

No smoking is allowed by any participant in the staging area or in the Parade.

The consumption of alcohol beverages either in the staging area or in the Parade is strictly prohibited.

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No firearms may be fired, no open flames allowed and all entries that will be including a float must have a legal 2A-10BC rated (or larger) fire extinguisher on board. Decorations must be flame resistant.

This is a forward motion Parade; entrants may not stop to perform in front of the announcing stand, and there will be no stopping anywhere along the Parade route.

Participants will be informed of their unit's arrival time no later than June 15. Parade units that arrive after 9:45 a.m. on July 4 will not be allowed to enter the staging area and participate in the 4th of July Parade.

Please follow the direction of Recreation and Community Services Department staff members, Parade marshal(s) and/or the Police. The Parade marshal(s) and the Police have the right to accept, reject, reclassify, or remove any entry, which does not adhere to the Parade Rules or Regulations.

The Parade marshal(s) and the Police reserve the right to reject or dismiss any entry, which violates the above-stated Rules and Regulations. Entrants who violate the Parade Rules and Regulations may be declined entry in future parades.

By applying to participate in the 4th of July Parade and Flag Raising Ceremony, the signatory and all participants in that unit agree to abide by all of the Parade Rules and Regulations. These rules and related information have been developed in the hope that the Parade will be fun, safe, patriotic, and a reflection of the Community we love so much.