



The City of  
**OKLAHOMA CITY**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

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## Parade Guidelines

*(The following guidelines have all been approved by City Council for all parades: effective date 2/1/2014)*

Parades can create an opportunity for large groups of spectators and parade participants to heavily impact public streets and sidewalks. Because of the increased impact, some additional rules must be followed to ensure that your parade operates safely and efficiently:

- This parade rules list must be distributed to parade registrants prior to and on the day of the parade.
- A Parade Director must be selected and emergency contact information provided to the OCPD and City staff. The Parade Director will be the main point of contact for OCPD and City staff regarding the organization of the parade.
- Parade Marshals (volunteers) are required and will be responsible for monitoring: Staging areas, securing routes, barricade placement, disbanding areas, cleanup, distance between parade entries, spectator safety and pedestrian access.
- Each parade entry must provide at least one volunteer Parade Marshal.
- Parade Marshals must dress similarly and must be easily identifiable.
- Parades must be limited to 100 registrations or less, no event day registrations can be allowed.
- All decorated floats must have a fire extinguisher on board.
- Parades must be limited to 2 hours or less.
- Candy cannot be thrown during parades. It must be handed out by participants walking the course.
- Float participants cannot mount or dismount from floats during the parade.
- Nothing other than candy can be distributed by participants at the parade.
- A dedicated cleanup crew or Manure catchers (Bun-Bags) are required for all parade entries involving animal waste on public rights-of-way. This means that a crew must follow each of these parade entries, collecting waste as the parade occurs. Confirmation of this information must be included in your waste plan.
- All motorized vehicle drivers in the parade must have a valid driver's license.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed to perform tire burnouts during the parade.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed to fishtail, drift or spinout during the parade.
- Motorized vehicles with hydraulics must not allow their tires to leave the ground during the parade.
- No alcohol or glassware is allowed in the parade.
- It is suggested that your final parade entry include a team of volunteers that pick up waste along the parade route, along with your waste contractor.