

GENERAL PARADE RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. To be part of the Old Timers Festival Parade an official application must be submitted to the La Vergne Parks & Recreation Department. It can be turned in at 294 Sand Hill Road, faxed to 615-793-9213, or emailed to kmelendy@lavergnen.gov.
2. Individuals/organizations must agree to all Parade rules & guidelines herein. Your acceptance of the rules in the Parade application serves as a waiver of liability and an indemnification agreement between all participants in your contingent and the City of La Vergne. It also serves as your agreement to make all participants in your contingent aware of all the rules & guidelines.
3. All entries must be present and in position no later than 9:00am. Any entry arriving after 9:00am will be placed at the end of the parade.
4. The City of La Vergne will make the decision on all parade entries as to whether they are appropriate to be in the parade.
5. Marching units will NOT be allowed to stop along the parade route to perform, unless the parade coordinator grants special permission. A written request for performance must accompany this application. Marching cadence: 120 steps per minute.
6. While candy will be allowed, please DO NOT throw it from your vehicle. Walkers may hand it out along the route.
7. No parade participant may throw or pass out flyers or coupons from the parade. Any entry with participants throwing or passing out items will be removed from the Parade route by the Parade coordinator and/or La Vergne Police Dept.
8. No political campaign literature may be distributed by any Parade participant.
9. In the line-up area, entries with vehicles must have someone present with a key at all times in the event the vehicle must be moved.
10. All vehicles in the parade are required to be in good operating condition and have at least a half tank of gasoline. All vehicles must be able to navigate the entire parade route and make all turns required without difficulty.
11. If after being accepted you are unable to attend, please notify Parks & Recreation immediately at (615) 793-3224.

FLOAT RULES

1. The following rules govern float entries requesting to participate in the Old Timers Festival Parade and are in addition to the Official Parade rules.
2. Float contest entries will be judged based on the following criteria: a) Incorporation of the Old Timers Festival Theme; b) Creativity c) Originality d) Overall Presentation.
3. Parade floats need to be at the staging area by 8:00am.
4. Float judging will begin promptly at 9:30am in the staging area. The float entry must be presented for judging as it will appear in the parade. There must be someone with the float entry at all times. If no one is with the float entry at the time of judging, it will be disqualified and not judged. All participants on the float do not need to be present for judging unless they are vital to the theme of the float. The decision of the judges is final.
5. All vehicles in the parade are required to be in good operating condition. All vehicles must be able to navigate the entire parade route and make all turns required without difficulty.
6. Floats must be decorated and constructed in a safe manner as well as not present a health or safety hazard to the contest or the general public.
7. Participants are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off the float during the parade.