

Parade Guidelines

In order to ensure an enjoyable night parade activity with an emphasis on public safety, the following guidelines shall be met in order for the City of Seminole to co-sponsor such an event. Understanding that a night parade is by its nature an entertainment or special event for the community. Therefore, each unit shall agree to uphold the special event policy which prohibits profane or inappropriate music and that all music must be appropriate for children of all ages.

- The City of Seminole desires to produce or co-sponsor a beautiful, illuminated parade that is a pleasing special event for spectators and our community. Accordingly it is requested that participants not stop or slow down the movement of the floats during the parade. No stopping or loitering on the parade route. Participants shall not engage in any behavior on the parade route which could be considered profane, obscene or encourage such behavior from spectators. City employees shall serve as parade marshals to ensure these requirements are met. Failure to comply with these standards may result in expulsion from the parade and rejection of future parade activities.
- Each parade entrant shall maintain a steady pace as determined by the parade marshals during the parade route.
- This is a lighted parade: **therefore all units must be lighted on all sides of each unit.** Failure to have decorative lighting on all sides of the parade unit will result in rejection of the unit prior to the beginning of the parade.
- Parade units that require a generator must to be equipped with a low noise emission generator of sufficient power and fuel capacity to ensure brilliant illumination of the unit during the parade.
- **Parade walkers shall be illuminated in a manner acceptable to the parade marshals.**
- All parade participants will be at their parade unit no less than 45 minutes prior to the designated start time of the parade. Upon request, the parade unit driver shall demonstrate to the parade marshal that the unit lighting is operable. No parade unit will be permitted to leave the staging area without illumination.
- When applicable, the above items shall apply to day-time parades.

Parades in general are intended to be for the enjoyment of spectators and our community. Night parades present additional safety and illumination challenges for parade sponsors and parade participants. Hopefully, with the satisfaction of the above guidelines the event will be safe and enjoyable for all.