

Guidelines for City of Lights Floats

Frame

All parts of the full-decorated float must clear the wheel wells. Flooring must be strong enough for all riders.

Float Dimensions

These are maximum dimensions – smaller vehicles are invited

Floats must not exceed 20' in width.

Floats must not be taller than 15' in height.

Maximum float length is 55'.

Gasoline Tank

Gasoline tanks must be well fastened and filled prior to the parade start.

Steering

A turn radius of 45 degrees to the right and left is mandatory.

Float Electrical Wiring

Wire and lighting devices must have sufficient capability for the use intended for them on the float. Wiring should be properly secured to the float to avoid mechanical damage and injury to float riders and other participants. All connections must be made of approved electrical boxes or devices. All electrical circuits must be properly fused.

Portable Generators

A minimum of 12 inches clearance must separate any part of the generator from light, combustible fabrication or decorating material.

Tires

Tires may not rub any part of the frame or float decoration when making turns.

Float Name

The float shall bear the name of the organization on the side aprons.

Symmetry

Floats shall be constructed and decorated so that viewing from either side is equally appealing to the eye.

Float Riders

Builders or float sponsors are responsible for obtaining and written consent or release from every rider on their float. A maximum of ten people, excluding the vehicle driver, are allowed on the float. All riders must have a safety belt or safety railing incorporated into the float.

Distribution of Materials

Samples or other materials of any kind may not be thrown or otherwise distributed from the float while on the parade route. Units in violation of this rule will be removed from the parade.

Alcoholic Beverages

No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed in or on the float or tow vehicle. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited and violators will be prosecuted.