

THE ST. PATRICK PARADE COMMITTEE OF JEFFERSON, INC.

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2024 ST. PATIRCK PARADE “COMMANDMENTS”

1. THIS IS A FAMILY FUN PARADE:

This is a family parade! Govern your unit and members accordingly! This means no offensive or obscene music; no offensive or obscene costumes; no offensive or obscene throws; no offensive or obscene nothing! Violation of this rule will result in immediate ejection from the parade. Period!

2. BY INVITATION ONLY

Participation in the parade is by invitation only. All participating vehicles must be properly decorated and all riders and costumes must be appropriate for St. Patrick’s Day. All units must complete the online registration to be considered for admission into the parade. The application period is now open and will be closed December 15, 2023. If there is available space after the December 15th, the registration will be opened to “new” units. The Committee’s website is: stpatricksdaysmetairie.com; please check there for information relating to new-unit openings. It is the responsibility of each unit to notify the Committee in writing of any change in mailing address and/or person in charge (i.e., unit’s Lieutenant). The Committee will accept only one representative per unit and that representative will be the Lieutenant. That Lieutenant must attend and participate in the general membership/safety meeting which is held shortly before the parade date.

3. MEETING ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

There will be a general membership/safety meeting shortly before the parade; the date and time will be determined in due course. Each unit must send its Lieutenant to the meeting. Units who fail to attend this meeting will not be allowed to participate in the parade. Units will receive their parade position and number placards at this meeting at which time you must declare whether you will be using a generator or inverter during the parade, and provide us with the Jefferson Parish mandated unit roster. No outside vendors are allowed at the meeting.

4. GENERATOR/INVERTER SAFETY

If you are using a generator or inverter the Jefferson Parish Fire Department will inspect it on the day of the parade. Fire Prevention Chief James Noveh is the point of contact in this regard. Chief Noveh's telephone number is 504.736.6200. The Fire Department has the last say as it relates to generators and inverters. Chief Noveh asks that you please familiarize yourself with the Parish Ordinances, particularly sections 6-79; 6-82; 6-83; and 6-95. Any enforcement questions should be referred to the Fire Department. These Jefferson Parish Ordinance sections may be viewed at:

https://library.municode.com/la/jefferson_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AMEN_ARTVCAMAGROTPA_DIV11_NGE_S6-65PU

https://library.municode.com/la/jefferson_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AMEN_ARTVCAMAGROTPA_DIV4PARE_S6-79AUVE

https://library.municode.com/la/jefferson_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AMEN_ARTVCAMAGROTPA_DIV4PARE_S6-82FL

https://library.municode.com/la/jefferson_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AMEN_ARTVCAMAGROTPA_DIV4PARE_S6-83GE

https://library.municode.com/la/jefferson_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AMEN_ARTVCAMAGROTPA_DIV4PARE_S6-95TROA

5. LINEUP

All units must be lined up no later than 10:00 am. The Lieutenant who registered and attended the general membership/safety meeting must remain with their unit. Late arrivals will be bumped to the rear of the parade so PLEASE plan accordingly. All units must have a driver with their unit at all times; under no circumstance are they to leave the unit without someone competent to drive it. At lineup units will not block cross streets. Units will park as close as reasonably practicable to the curb so emergency vehicles can operate in and around the parade lineup area. Please help them help us!

6. WATCH AND LISTEN

Advertisements of a commercial and/or political nature, obscenities, microphones or megaphones are not allowed. Please remember this is a family fun parade.

7. PLACARD AND HEIGHT

All units must display the official position placard. The placard must be displayed on all four sides of the vehicle high enough to be clearly seen. Exchanging of placards/positions in the parade will not be tolerated. Parade units cannot exceed 16 feet in height. There are no exceptions.

8. THROWS AND THROWING

All throws must be legitimate Saint Patrick's Day throws; beads and trinkets are allowed. We do not sell produce nor recommend a particular vendor from whom you may purchase produce; if you wish to buy produce you must do so on your own being cognizant of the restrictions and prohibitions governing produce. Potatoes, lemons and limes are strictly forbidden. Produce must not be thrown under any circumstance; underhand tossing of produce is the only manner

allowed. Produce will only be given to spectators from the lower level of a unit. No produce of any kind is allowed on the second tier of any unit. No throwing an item which may become a missile/projectile. Because of a few incidents involving throwing produce last year, there is a prohibition against throwing any produce this year! ALL PRODUCE must be shared via hand-to-hand or gentle under-hand tossing only. NO THROWING IS ALLOWED!. PERIOD! HAND OR UNDERHAND TOSS AS TOUGH IT WERE YOU CHILD ON THE RECEIVING END! UNIT LIEUTENANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE: SELF-POLICE PLEASE!

9. JUDGING

There will be at least five anonymous judges stationed along the route who will review each unit as it passes. The judges alone determine the various first, second and third positions in each category. The judges' decisions are final.

10. AWARDS

Awards will be given to the top three units in each division: floats, truck-floats and marching groups. The date and time of the award issuance will be listed on the Committee's website in due course. Please check the website before calling or emailing the Committee with questions. The Committee's website address is: www.stpatricksdaysmetairie.com and our email is st.patrick.parade@gmail.com

ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES, PARISH ORDINANCES, STATE LAWS, OR JUST PLAIN COMMON SENSE WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE AND/OR BEING BARRED FROM FUTURE PARADES!

THANKS! NOW LET'S HAVE THE BEST PARADE EVER!

THESE ARE JEFFERSON PARISH'S REGULATIONS AND ARE INCLUDED HERE AS A COURTESY:

JEFFERSON PARISH DO'S AND DO NOT'S

1. No behavior that is indecent or vulgar
2. No bomb bags
3. No boxes
4. No consumption of alcohol in assembly area
5. No confetti metallic streamers
6. No condoms or prophylactics
7. No discarding of trash along the parade route
8. No exploding or detonating throws
9. No firearms - Duly commissioned law enforcement personnel are exempted and must notify the office
10. No flowers with wire stems
11. No glass or sharp edged items
12. No laser pointers
13. No life threatening objects
14. No microphones or megaphones
15. No music that is not acceptable for public airwaves
16. No noxious substance or liquid to be distributed
17. No obviously intoxicated person
18. No removal of costume or mask
19. No sexually indecent dress or characterization
20. No sexually oriented devices (blow up dolls - sex toys)
21. No silly string
22. No sitting on ledge or railing of float or truck-float
23. No smoking on a float or truck-float
24. No spears
25. No standing on anything but deck of float or truck-float
26. No stink bombs or stink sprays
27. No throwing in assembly or disbanding area

Penalties:

1. Person may be subject to surrender all throws for the duration of the parade
2. Person may be removed from parade
3. \$500.00 fine or imprisonment
4. Citations by J.P.S.O or J.P.F.D.

These may be viewed at:

<https://www.jeffparish.net/departments/citizens--affairs/mardi-gras---parades/parade-participants-regulations>

NO's

- No animals, reptiles, rodents, marine life, fowls, or other animals dead or alive is prohibited. Service animals exempt.
- No elevating-type vehicles, such as "cherry pickers"
- No ladders, scaffolding or portable elevating devices on the street between the curbs or lateral curb lines and between the curb lines of any intersecting street
- No ladders fastening together
- No vehicle to obstruct, the passage of parade or traffic on any intersecting or adjacent
- No Ropes, tents, scaffolds, or barricades or vehicles, which may act as an impediment to vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any right-of-way along a parade route

NO's - Within 15 Feet of Parade Route

- No parking along of the curb or as posted

NO's - Within 50 Feet of Parade Route

- No glass container of any type
- No open flame heating or cooking devices on public right-of-way
- No silly string within fifty (50) ft. from parade route
- No Skates, skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, unicycles, or any other type of cycles
- No stink bombs or stink sprays
- No bomb bags
- No laser pointers

NO's - Within 200 Feet of Parade Route

- No metallic confetti streamers
- No flare or device to produce a flame or to produce visible combustion, or to use or possess any incendiary or pyrotechnical instrument or device

MUST

- Ladders must be placed as many feet back from the curb as the ladder is high
- Barricades - parade viewers must obey restrictions by barricades

These may be viewed at:

<https://www.jeffparish.net/departments/citizens--affairs/mardi-gras---parades/public-safety-tips>

The St. Patrick's Parade Committee cannot and will not offer interpretations of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances. All questions regarding the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances and the interpolation of the same should be addressed to:

<https://www.jeffparish.net/departments/citizens--affairs/mardi-gras---parades/additional-information>

OR

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THANKS! LET'S HAVE A SAFE, FUN, FAMILY PARADE!