



## Lititz Lions Club July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Rules

### Groups/Parade Entries:

- Any civic group, social fraternal, school or scout group may enter.
- Commercial or business organizations may enter commercial vehicles or other entries but they must be decorated. See decoration guidelines below.
- Vehicles need to be in good operating condition. If there is any question to the ability of your vehicle to drive the parade route at a slow speed in hot weather, we ask that you reconsider your participation.
- Horses or other animals not riding in or on a vehicle are only allowed if followed by your own clean-up person.
- Go-carts, motorcycles or stunt vehicles *may* not be allowed due to safety considerations. Historic, antique or Police motorcycles are permitted under the same guidelines for other vehicles.

### Decoration:

- All participants are required to decorate their entry in a patriotic theme. Red, white & blue bunting or American Flags are always appropriate decorations.
- Vehicles must be decorated, with the exception of for historic vehicles & vehicles pulling floats or other entries.
- At the parade, the Lititz Lions Club may decide that an undecorated entry may not participate.
- Uniformed groups, police, fire and ambulance services, bands, sports teams & dance groups are exempted from additional decorating.

### General Rules:

- No throwing of objects to spectators from floats of moving vehicles. Handouts may be made by walkers along the parade route.
- Entry in the parade is at your own risk and all due care must be exercised. Any unsafe entries will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

**Political Affiliation:** Please note that the Lititz Lions Club, as outlined in our By Laws, is a non-political organization. Rules for the Parade state: *“Political organizations and any politicians or candidates who do not represent constituent from our immediate local area are not allowed. Political campaigns and organizations will be excluded from the parade.”*

When you participate in the parade:

- You may only have a sign with your name and office if you hold one. Your entry needs to conform to all the regulations about decorating your entry
- Not post signage stating “vote for a candidate or political party” or any statement about voting or any political topic or issue
- You may not hand out literature or other items, such as candy, containing a political message

If a parade participant is found to be in violation of these rules, they will be asked to leave the Parade. Your participation is as a private citizen expressing you patriotic sentiments. If you cannot honor this, we understand your withdrawal from the Parade.