

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 1, 2007
JINGLE BELL ROCK
(ENTRIES MUST KEEP TO THE THEME)**

1. All parade applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. November 19th. As we have extended the entry date to November 19th NO applications will be accepted after that date. ****To keep the parade a manageable length, we request one motorized vehicle per entry.**
2. It is imperative for the safety of all parade participants that the instructions of both the parade marshals and the members of the police department be followed by everyone.
3. After careful consideration we are rescinding the no candy rule but the distribution of candy will be allowed only if the float provides a walker to hand it out. NO candy can be thrown from the floats, as it is a safety hazard.
4. There will be no stopping of floats to allow participants to get on and off, it too creates a safety hazard.
5. Please no high beams, NO lights or parking lights are preferred. NO horn blowing-it bothers the ears of the little children and frightens the animals.
6. As the real Santa is the Grand Finale, we request that there be no other Santa's in the parade.
7. **ALL animal groups are responsible for their own animal waste cleanup. It is not fair for the other parade participants to have to walk around road apples and other animal waste.**
8. All judging is done from the balcony of the Robert E Lee Hotel. Please direct your performance accordingly. All performance groups and marching bands are limited to a three (3) minute timed stop. Please adhere to the time limit, as it is important to keep the parade moving in a timely manner. **If you have music you would like us to play from the judging stand, please take your CD to the Chamber office prior to the day of the parade. Make sure your group name and number is on it so it gets played at the right time.**
9. Following are the new safety requirements for all floats that will carry children.
 - a. Any float participants with children ages 12 and under will be required to have adult supervision on the float.
 - b. Floats with children 5-12 years of age: 1 adult for every 5 children.
Under the age of 5-1 adult per 2 children.
 - c. ****An adult is anyone 18 or older.**
 - d. Floats must have a protective barrier surrounding the entire float to help keep the little ones safe.

10. All band units will line up on Spotswood Drive.
11. Depending on numerical position assignment all float, vehicle, performance and walking unit entries will line up on Wallace Street, Waddell Street or Taylor Street.
12. In the staging area, there will be parking available at Kid's Playce. Parking is limited however.
13. NO entries longer than 50 feet. Anything longer will be unable to make the turns.
14. Once the parade starts, please try to stay 3 car lengths behind the unit in front of you. This is necessary for safety. Please pay attention to the marshals assigned to your group.
15. The "end" of the parade in Main and Henry Streets. Bands, performance and walking units should turn right onto Henry Street to disband. Units using buses or car pools or animal trailers please let your drivers know to meet your unit in this area.
16. Please make sure all entries clear Main Street as soon as possible after the intersection at Henry Street. Make arrangements in advance on where to gather for pick-up.

*****WE KNOW THAT THIS SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF RULES FOR A SMALL TOWN PARADE, BUT AS THE SIZE OF THE PARADE INCREASES EACH YEAR, IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO WORK HARDER TO KEEP BOTH PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.**

Thank you,
The Parade Committee

