

BATTLE OF FLOWERS[®] ASSOCIATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

FOR

BATTLE OF FLOWERS[®] PARADE

Friday, April 27, 2012

Vanguard: 11:30 a.m.

Parade: 12:30 p.m.

Parade Length - 2.6 miles
Parade Travels at 2.5 mph
Marching Time - 1 hour 10 minutes



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FLOAT MECHANICS

ENGINES: The engine must be in good working order.

AUXILIARY ENGINES: Auxiliary engines, driving generators or other devices must be fully concealed within the float design and be decorated. They must have safety exhausts and be well ventilated. This equipment and any parts that it drives must be accessible for repair from the inside.

BATTERIES: An emergency back-up battery is required. Both it and the regularly installed battery shall be of proper voltage, adequate capacity, and freshly charged.

BRAKE SYSTEM: Approved hydraulic brakes and an emergency brake are required and must be in good working order.

EXHAUST: If needed to carry beyond the rearward overhang, an extension to the float exhaust shall be affixed. Exhaust manifold must be vented through a leak-free pipe projecting beyond the back or side apron.

EXTENDED STEERING: Extended steering must be braced every 48 inches.

FRAMEWORK: Framework must have at least a 12-inch street clearance.

GASOLINE LINE: All fuel lines must be thoroughly inspected for leaks.

TIRES: Tires must be adequate for total float load and in good condition. They must not rub any portion of the frame at any time. It is recommended that a commercial sealer be put into tires to avoid flats.

TOWING ATTACHMENT: Every float and vehicle must be equipped with a tow cable, tow chain or tow strap (7,000 lb.), attached to the frame of the prime mover. This cable, chain or tow strap must be long enough to reach the front of the float with a loop or hook at the end and concealed under the front of the float out of sight. In case of a tow this loop must be easily accessible (at the front of the float) to tow driver so he can hook to it with his tow strap. This tow cable must be attached to the float in a way so that it does not become entangled in, or tear off any casters. If there is an extension with casters, all riders on that section of the float must move back off of the caster supported section, when the float is being towed.

WHEELS, DOLLIES: Axles, bearing, wheels and casters of adequate sizes are required to support total load of float. Dolly wheels must be fastened securely to a steel frame. Clearance around wheels should allow for emergency tire or dolly change.

- ✪ A float may negotiate the parade route under its own power, or may be towed by a separate vehicle. If the float is designed to be pulled by a separate powered vehicle, that plan must be submitted in the original float drawings for Parade Board approval. The powered vehicle, as well as the towbar attachment, must be completely covered and decorated to match the theme of the float.
- ✪ A float which arrives in the Forming Area under tow by a vehicle not part of the original design will not be allowed to enter the Parade.
- ✪ If a float breaks down on the Parade route, it will be pushed or pulled to the right side of the street and removed from the Parade.