

LOMBARD LILAC PARADE RULES - 1:30 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE

1. TIME AND PLACE

Parade will step off promptly at 1:30 p.m. from Main and Wilson, proceed north on Main to Maple and then east to Craig. The approximate length of the Parade route is 1.5 miles. Units will disperse per the direction of the Parade Marshal.

2. ASSEMBLY

All units will assemble between 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at assigned starting locations. Parade Marshals will line-up units in order of appearance as planned by the Committee. Entries not registered by April 15th will be included and judged only at the discretion of the Committee.

3. REGISTRATION

Registration is open to all, but the Committee reserves the right to limit entries in all classifications. Units requiring honorariums will be selected on the basis of the funds available.

4. DECORATING OF ENTRIES

All units must observe the Theme by suitable decoration. All vehicles, unless pulling a float, must be fully decorated. No bare trucks, wagons, trailers or other vehicles will be allowed other than police and fire mechanized units. Equestrian units are also exempt from decorations. The maximum height for units is 13 feet.

5. SIGNS

Each float must have readable signs visible from both sides of the street displaying the Theme of the entry so that judges can quickly identify the entry. **ALL COMMERCIAL SIGNS ARE LIMITED TO 1' x 3'** (maximum 2 signs per unit, mounted on either side or front and back).

***** NO SIGN PROMOTING THE ELECTION OF A POLITICAL CANDIDATE WILL BE PERMITTED *****

6. UNIFORMS, AGE LIMITATIONS, ETC.

It is suggested that all marching units dress in complete uniforms or look-alike costumes. Children under 16 are welcome to ride in any wheeled vehicles but may not march as an official entry, except for those in organized units.

7. PARADE ORDINANCE: 2023

New in 2023: the Lilac Parade Committee will permit the distribution of individually wrapped candies and souvenir items. Political literature is prohibited.

NOTE: Hand-to-Hand distribution ONLY! Items MUST BE HANDED to spectators within one foot of the curb. Any items thrown will result in the unit being fined \$100 dollars.

8. Please give this information to EVERYONE in your unit. A Parade Ordinance PROHIBITS the THROWING OF ANYTHING from a Parade unit. This list includes but is not limited to: candy, gum, novelty items, water balloons, bubbles, election materials and/or business cards. Squirt guns are also prohibited. As the throwing of anything from a Parade unit is prohibited, failure to comply will disqualify the unit from judging and result in removal of the unit from the Parade. Additionally, any honorarium will be forfeited.

9. VEHICLES

Only the vehicles listed on the application and adhering to the above Decorating of Entries will be allowed in the Parade. Vehicles that do not comply will be removed from the Parade route and risk forfeiture of their honorarium. Military, Antique and Classic vehicles are exempt from decorations (a car must be 25 years or older to participate as an Antique Vehicle, and Classic cars must be 20 years or older). All vehicles must obey the IL Rules of the Road.

10. Elected officials currently serving in a Village, County, State or Federal capacity are permitted to participate. No electioneering will be permitted. This includes but is not limited to: handbills, signs, T-shirts and novelties. No signs promoting the election of a political candidate will be permitted. Officials are allowed to walk the Parade route. Please refer to Parade Ordinance above (#7).

11. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by all Parade participants. No smoking or use of any open fire will be allowed on or around any Parade float.

12. On Parade Day, any unit which differs from the approved application or disregards any of the above rules will not be allowed to participate. The Parade Marshals will make the final decision.