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## Towson 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Rules & Regulations

Please review the following rules and regulations entirely before filling out your application. The Towson Parade committee will not deviate from these guidelines. A copy of this should be retained for your records.

### Parade Information:

- The parade will begin at exactly 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3rd 2021.
- The parade route is 1.4 miles. It starts at the intersection of Towsontown Boulevard and Bosley Avenue, proceeds north on Bosley Avenue, turns right on Allegheny Avenue and turns right on Washington Avenue.
- There are two MC stands located on Washington Avenue (in front of Old Courthouse) and Bosley Avenue.
- The parade will not be canceled unless there is severe thunder. If the parade is canceled, the announcement will be on the major area radio and TV channels and will be posted on the Towson Parade Facebook page.

### General Terms

- You must be in your assigned position in the formation areas at the time instructed and to follow the instructions of parade officials.
- **You may not throw any items to the crowd during the parade.**
- The Parade Committee must approve all entries in the parade and has the right to refuse an individual or group entry into the parade.
- Parade entry is on a first-come, first-served basis. After April 23rd, the parade committee may not have space to place you.
- Participants will be sent a placement packet 7-14 days prior to the parade.
- The person signing this application is responsible for the conduct of their organization and for informing the entire organization of the Towson 4th of July Committee's Rules and Regulations.
- This is a family parade – proper attire is required of all participants.
- Please email a 20-50 word MC script to calixta@towsonchamber.com

### The Following Activities are Restricted:

- Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste which could bring dishonor to the United States of America
- Any drug or simulated drug activity including alcoholic beverages and other drug usage
- Use of water pistols, electric shocking devices, silly string, etc.
- Throwing of candy, souvenirs, promotional or advertising materials either from floats or by marching units is prohibited
- The use of firecrackers and any other explosives
- Unless you are a candidate, the use of a sign, banner or any other advertisement advancing the candidacy or election of any individual to public office OR the use of a sign, banner or any other advertisement advancing any political or social cause
- Stopping along the Parade route unless directed by a traffic safety officer or a parade official

*Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately. All of the Parade Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by parade officials in conjunction with the Baltimore County Police Department. Violators will not be permitted to enter the parade thereafter.*

### **BANDS:**

- Parade bands are to assemble on Towsontown Boulevard (unless instructed otherwise) at your assigned time. Placement Packets with more information will be mailed to you 7-14 days before the parade.
- A parade official will direct bands and units to their assigned assembly area. Additionally, the officials will advise all bus drivers of the route to follow to the disbanding area.
- Unit leader(s) will check in and initial the line-up sheet with the line-up coordinator who will be located at the intersection of Bosley Avenue and Towsontown Boulevard.
- Distribution and Formation:
  - Bands will march in formation three-to-five abreast, 1-1/2 yards between ranks.
  - Band and Drum Corps: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight abreast.
  - Absolutely no maneuvers except for a forward movement. Marching units, bands, color guards, and drill teams must abide by this regulation.

### **UNITS:**

- You are to line up on the street provided to you in your packet, and bring your colored pass with you
- Unit leader(s) will check in and initial the line-up sheet with the line-up coordinator who will be located at the intersection of Bosley Avenue and Towsontown Boulevard.
- Authorized floats and automobiles will proceed in single file. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs.

### **VENDORS:**

- Vendor space is on a first-come, first-serve basis. After April 23, the parade committee may not have vendor space available
- Submitting an application does not guarantee you a space. Your application will be reviewed by the Towson Parade Committee and you will be notified if you have been accepted.
- Vendor information will be sent 7-14 days prior to the parade.

### **COSTUME CHARACTERS:**

- Please check your placement packet for where you should check-in before the parade.
- All Characters must have a handler present.

### **POLITICAL CANDIDATES & ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

- Please refer to your application for specific guidelines.