

# Anchorage Pride Parade

## Rules and Guidelines

### Parade Goals

- Feature high-quality, high-energy, positive LGBTQ+ inclusive entries
- Broad community participation by individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses
- Strong emphasis on costumed participants, live entertainment, and music

### Parade Application

- **All entries must be received by June 10. Late applications will not be accepted.**
- Submission of entry does not guarantee approval; the Anchorage Pride Parade Committee has the final say in such approval.
- A bio of the parade entry **MUST** be provided by June 20.
- A copy of the vehicle driver's license and proof of insurance must accompany each of the motorized entries.

### Floats

- Floats must be constructed prior to taking assigned space in the staging area.
- Float dimensions are strictly enforced. Maximum width: 15 feet. Maximum height: 13 feet. Maximum length: 40 feet.
- All floats must carry a current dated 20A10BC fire extinguisher.
- Floats may be self-propelled, a towed trailer or a flatbed truck. Floats may be pulled by persons walking, with the committee/s approval.
- Each float operator must have a valid driver's license, and vehicles must carry current insurance as required by Alaska law.
- Helmets are required for all ATVs, motorcycles, bicycles, or any other vehicle required by law.
- **All groups must provide a person to walk next to your group or float (Parade Marshal).**

### Decorations

- Decorations must be pro-LGBTQ+
- No units shall display political protest, or advertising. Current serving elected officials may be invited to ride in the parade with signs identifying their current status. They may not campaign for re-election, nor display any campaign materials in the parade.
- Parade participants may NOT distribute or throw merchandise, gifts, literature or any materials, including candy.
- No spraying of water or other liquids from units.
- Alcoholic substances and other controlled substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on any participants. Persons caught violating this rule will be immediately removed and banned from future participation.

### Equestrian / Animal Units

- Each equestrian / animal unit must provide their own cleanup crew, in costume, in the parade following directly behind the unit.
- Any rider or handler showing inability to control their animal will be deemed unsafe by police or parade officials and will be removed from the parade.

### Staging / Parade End

- Parade participants must begin from their assigned staging area.

- Participants must obey the directions of parade marshals, and must keep pace during the parade. No form of drilling in stopped position; the parade must continue in forward motion.
- Float drivers return to their staging area to unload people.
- Car drivers must pull to the side of the parade route to exit passengers at their staging area.
- People walking should exit quickly to the sidewalk to keep traffic flowing.
- Do not block traffic at the end of the parade route.

**NOTE: The Anchorage Pride Parade organizing committee reserve the right to refuse applicants at any point in time, for any reason including groups, organizations, or companies who do not meet the parade's goals or the minimum criteria as outlined in current Anchorage Pride Parade guidelines.**

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