

PARADE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES

1. Any individuals who operate a truck, car, tractor or any other type of vehicle in the parade must possess a valid driver's license.
2. The Seward Fourth of July Committee reserves the right to limit the number/type of vehicles and other entries in the parade.
3. All participants are expected to abide by general behavior guidelines.
4. The Seward Fourth of July Parade Committee does not endorse the views, representations, and behaviors of parade participants.
5. FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Seward Volunteer Fire Department will open the parade. Active Firetrucks and Fire Departments are placed in our last section for your convenience. This allows you to leave more easily (less vehicle congestion) and you do not have to line up until 3:50 allowing your trucks to stay available as long as possible.
Concerning Animals
6. All entries with live animals are responsible for immediately curbing/cleaning up after their animals.
7. Animals must be of nature that noise and excitement will not frighten them.
Candy, Water, Handouts
8. The throwing of candy and other objects is strictly prohibited. No article such as candy, etc. shall be thrown into the crowd along the parade route from the vehicles in the parade. ALL giveaways and candy must be handed directly to parade attendees by walkers along the route. This avoids the danger of children darting out in front of a moving vehicle. For safety and insurance reasons, this rule will be strictly enforced.
9. **NO WATER** spraying, water balloons, or any spraying of the audience of any kind.
10. Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation.
11. Once your entry has started along the parade route, no one may board your float.
ALCOHOL
12. **ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED.**

§6-312 DRINKING IN PUBLIC. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquors in the public streets, alleys, parking areas, roads, highways, or inside vehicles while upon public streets, alleys, parking areas, roads, or highways or upon any property owned by Municipality or other governmental subdivision thereof, unless authorized by the City Council; provided, the provisions of this section shall not apply to liquor establishments licensed by the State of Nebraska. (Ref. 53-186 RS Neb.) (Amended by Ord. No. 25-93, 8/3/93)

The presence of alcohol creates huge liabilities. If you are found with alcohol before (line up) and during (while in route) the parade you will leave and your participation in the parade will cease. No alcohol in coolers, disguised with koozies, in buckets of ice, etc... Remember that you are being watched by thousands but most especially by children. We also want to keep the parade a safe one for all. As participants you all have a responsibility to the parade viewers' safety as well as your own. Thank You.

13. Entries with children under the age of 18 must have adult supervision.

14. No special consideration will be given to cars of any kind. All cars overheat and no special placement can be given.

15. Protocols for line-up of dignitaries and officials are followed.

LINE UP

16. Any misconduct during line up shall result in your entry not participating in the parade. There will be no fighting amongst entries over any subject matter. You will treat all volunteers with respect and conduct yourselves in an orderly fashion. Any concerns that you have will be directed toward the Parade Chair and not amongst yourselves. In the event that you have a concern you may contact the parade chair on her cell phone (402-641-8912) and she will be glad to hear your concerns and find an amicable solution. If there is any argument with the Parade Chair and/or any Parade Official's decision you will NOT participate in the parade. Assignments and Measurements are made based upon information given on the forms that you have filled out. That is another reason why it's important to be as accurate and informative as possible.

18. Sections entry's are marked with signs and you may find parade officials in your section to assist you if need be.

19. Roads are marked (orange chalk) with your assigned number in your assigned section.

20. Changes in the parade line-up the day of the parade will be at the sole discretion of the parade officials and parade chair.

21. Semis are not to be left running during line-up. It is difficult to hear and give directions with all the other noise going on all around. Thank You.

22. All entries are to keep out of the middle of the road. It is imperative that the road be kept clear at all times. This includes cars and people. This is to ensure safety and ease of mobility especially in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

23. Walkers can stand on the sidewalk/curb until five minutes before the start of the parade.

24. Vehicles are not allowed to park in the middle of the road during line up.

25. In the event that we are providing signs those signs can be found in your section from a Parade Official in your.

26. Semi trailers are not allowed in the parade due to safety and insurance reasons.

Receipt of Entry Confirmation and Placement

27. Placement will be sent out via email only either June 30 or July 1.