

# 50<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Louis St. Patrick's Day Parade -March 16, 2019 Parade Rules

## TO PARADE PARTICIPANTS:

To present the best St. Patrick's Day Parade possible, it is imperative you and your units adhere to the following parade orders and rules.

- I) If unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel, please call (314) 241-PATS immediately.

## FOR ASSEMBLY:

- 2) All units should enter the staging area from Market Street eastbound as directed on the staging instructions. Parade Marshals will be stationed at Market just east of Ewing to check your unit into the staging area. You have been provided your unit information, *but not your unit number*. You must pick up your unit number at check-in, which should be affixed to the front right of your unit. You will also be provided with a summary of the parade orders, in addition to last minute changes, if any. This check-in facility will be operational at 9:00 A.M. If you have not checked in, and you do not have your unit number, you will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
- 3) Parade participants are required to be at their assigned spot in the staging area no later than the times listed below. Your assigned positions the only spot you will be allowed to occupy. The latest possible arrival times are:

Advance Units A-F 10:45 AM Units  
1-60 11:00 AM Units 61-90 11:30  
AM Units 91-End Noon

Floats that require construction assembly should arrive 60 minutes earlier than these times, or ample time for assembly as needed. You can assemble at the Wachovia / Wells Fargo lot (formerly known as AG Edwards) on the Southwest corner of Market and Jefferson, entering from Walnut. Lineup marshals will direct you to an appropriate place to do your work safely.

- 4) Starting time for the parade is 12:00 PM (a.k.a NOON)
- 5) Parade participants are grouped for purposes of judging. These groupings include: floats, floats with music, musical units, marching bands, marching units, animal units or motorized units. Annexed you will find guidelines which the judges will be using to evaluate every unit, depending upon your entry class.
- 6) Only those units designated in your application and approved by the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will be allowed in the parade. No other automobiles, trucks, vans, or other parade participants will be authorized or allowed in the parade.
- 7) Please keep your unit in your designated line up area and follow the explicit instructions of the lineup team. Safety requirements necessitate keeping portions of Market Street open and passable. Emergency vehicles may continue to use Market throughout the day.

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## MARCHING IN THE PARADE:

- 8) No unit will be allowed to stop for special recognition or exhibition. The head of each parade unit is responsible for complying with this rule. Enforcement of this rule by assistant parade marshals throughout the staging and route areas will be vigorous.
- 9) All movement by parade participants must be forward! Absolutely no rearward or delaying movements will be tolerated. It is crucial that the parade line continuously move forward.
- 10) Unit leaders or drum majors will ensure that a maximum of 50 feet and a minimum of 30 feet is maintained between parade units, unless specifically directed by a parade marshal.
- 11) The Parade Route begins at 20<sup>th</sup> **Street**. Units should move through the staging area as rapidly as possible. The parade pace and spacing will be established by parade marshals at 20<sup>th</sup> **Street** (the start of the parade).
- 12) PLEASE, no sirens or horn blowing allowed in the parade.
- 13) Any unit with a generator must carry a fire extinguisher.
- 14) The Parade Committee insists upon proper conduct throughout the staging area and parade route. You and your unit will be on display before thousands of your fellow citizens, parents, and children. Please behave accordingly. No smoking, drinking, or the carrying of *marked beer cans or bottles or other marked alcohol* is permitted in the parade! Parade marshals throughout the staging and route areas will enforce this rule. Noncompliance on your part is grounds for immediate and unconditional removal from the parade. **IF WE SEE ANYONE BLATENTLY DRINKING ALCOHOL IN THE PARADE, YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY BE THROWN OUT. USE OF PLAIN CUPS IS SUGGESTED.**
- 15) When passing the Reviewing Stand, all officers will salute the dignitaries and members of the parade unit.
- 16) Judging of parade units will be done throughout the parade route at satellite locations and at the Reviewing Stand. If appropriate, your unit should be performing as you pass the Reviewing Stand. Adherence to these parade rules is one factor considered by the judges.
- 17) The disbanding area for the parade begins at Broadway and Clark Streets. Follow the instructions of the disbanding marshals.

*Every Parade Marshal has the authority to remove any participant for any infraction of the parade rules. Please obey them!*