



2021 July 4th Parade Rules

Parade Date: Saturday, July 3, 2021

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Fully complete and sign official 2021 Parade Entry Form and email events@naplesgov.com (preferred method) or you can mail it to the address provided at the bottom of Page 3. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 4th. You may contact Community Services Department at 239-213-7120 starting Thursday, July 1st for your assigned entry number and approximate line up location.

Parade Staging Area and Route:

- The staging area will be along the north side of Broad Avenue South. The south side of Broad Avenue South must remain clear at all times. The parade route will be from Broad Avenue South to Third Street South proceeding north to 5th Avenue South, east on 5th Avenue South, and South on 8th Street South past City Hall, ending at 8th Avenue South and 8th Street South.
- Entries may lineup starting at 8:30 a.m. **Must** be in assigned line-up location and ready to go no later than 9:45 a.m.
- Parade will start *promptly* at 10:00 a.m.

COVID-19/SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- **Candy/Prizes:** Throwing, tossing or handing out candy, prizes or any other items will not be allowed (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- **Masks:** We highly suggest that you wear a mask if you are unvaccinated or cannot separate 6 feet from anyone unvaccinated.



PARADE RULES:

Note: Failure to comply with the following rules may result in being removed from this year's parade and not being allowed to participate in future City of Naples parades.

1. **The Parade will be limited to 80 entries.** All entries will be evaluated for compliance with the parade Rules and Theme. The City of Naples reserves the right to reject any application from participation based upon non-compliance of the Parade Rules & Regulations and Theme requirements. You will be notified if your entry is **not** selected to participate.



2. **All vehicles must be fully decorated on all four sides and all participants must dress in a July 4th/Patriotic theme. Entry's not fully decorated will be removed from the parade. See examples of unacceptable entries on the next page. Exceptions are Elected Officials, Marching units, Military/Veteran units and other specialty theme entries.**

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE ENTRIES:



3. **The following vehicles will not be allowed-unless pulling a decorated float: Box trucks; semi-trucks; enclosed trailers; RV's; motor homes; commercial, service, construction, maintenance and equipment cars, vans, trucks; and any vehicles not fully decorated on all four sides.**
4. **Maximum of TWO (2) vehicles allowed per entry. A Truck and Trailer will be counted as TWO (2) vehicles.**
5. **The firing of guns, rifles, canons, fireworks, etc., will not be allowed (NO EXCEPTIONS).**
6. **The maximum height allowed for any vehicle is 15 feet and maximum length is 40 feet total. (NO EXCEPTIONS).**
7. **DO NOT STOP along the parade route or get on and/or off units while moving during the parade. Keep the parade moving! We do not want any gaps in the parade!! If your entry causes a large gap in the parade you will not be invited back... so please keep up!**
8. **We recommend you do not have walkers too young since it is hard for them to keep up with the quick pace of the parade.**



9. **Exhaust pipes** in vehicles should be clear and not come in contact with anything flammable on floats. Smoking/vaping and alcohol is not permitted on any of the parade vehicles/floats.
10. Please do **not** hand out promotional material for your business or organization. This usually ends up on the ground for the clean-up crew to pick up!
11. **Parade Marshals** will be **available** at the **staging area** along Broad Avenue South to assist entries to their locations. The parade marshals reserve the right to refuse any unit in the parade for safety/rules violation. Naples Police Officers will be available for safety issues once the parade **exits** Broad Avenue South.
12. At the conclusion of the parade, please **DO NOT STOP** at the 8th Street South and 8th Avenue South intersection to unload/disperse, this will only bottleneck the entire parade! Keep moving and unload **away** from the parade route!
13. The parade will go on **rain or shine!** The start time may be **delayed** if there is a heavy storm at the start time. If the parade is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will **not** be re-scheduled.

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