



2012 N.C. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Rules  
Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am  
Parade Sponsored by: Doshier Memorial Hospital  
Televised by WECT TV6 @ TBA

1. Parade participants must review, agree to, and sign a statement certifying they will be responsible for their group's adherence to the parade rules.
2. Units not in proper sequence according to the official parade lineup will not be allowed on the parade route.
3. Units shall maintain proper spacing between each unit, as directed by parade officials.
4. Multiple piece units will be condensed to two or three abreast.
5. Automobile units will be limited to 10 vehicles.
6. Units executing maneuvers along parade route for the reviewing stand shall inform the Parade Chair or chief parade official prior to the start of the parade of the type and duration of the maneuvers. Stationary maneuvers should be designed to be short enough in length to keep the flow of the parade constant.
7. **ALL** units are expected to maintain position until they pass Ocean Trail Health Care & Rehabilitation Center on Fodale Avenue. The pickup and drop-off location for parade participants is the old Jaycees building (currently Southport Park & Recreation building) on Fodale Avenue. Make sure that when you do stop your unit that it is not creating a bottleneck behind you and those riders are not jumping off into the road or walking back into parade traffic.
8. **NO** parade participant shall be allowed to walk back down the parade route after finishing the parade. Please inform all members of your unit. Parade officials will be along the parade route to prevent pedestrian traffic back onto the parade route.
9. **PARADE PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DISTRIBUTE OR THROW ANY ITEMS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.** This includes, but is not limited to candy, silly string, water balloons, toys, stickers, beads, pamphlets, flyers and the use of water guns. In addition, walkers will not be allowed to hand materials to spectators.
10. All animal units must comply with City, State and Federal ordinances and/or laws. Each animal unit must provide an identifying banner and their own cleanup crew. Horse trailers can be parked on Taylor Field at the end of East Nash Street.
11. Any non-hoofed animal walking in your unit must wear protective footwear. If they do not have protective footwear they must ride in your unit.
12. Animal units should be aware that some units in the parade generate noise. We try to limit as much as possible the animal unit's exposure to loud noises when arranging the parade line up, but all noise cannot be avoided. Please consider this before entering any timid animals.
13. Drivers of any and all motorized vehicles in the parade must possess a valid driver's license for that type of vehicle and possess all liability vehicle insurance.
14. Motorcycle units must obey all traffic laws. Revving engines, wheelies, burning tires, etc. will not be tolerated and participants will immediately be removed from the lineup.
15. An adult must accompany children below the age of 7 on any unit.
16. An adult must hold children below the age of 3 on the unit.
17. In order to ride on the top of the back seat in a convertible you must be 16 years of age. No one will ride on the top of or hood of the car.
18. Do **not** blow air horns. Bump sirens only.
19. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited. All City, County and NC State statutes concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police, before during and after the parade.

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20. The North Carolina 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival is an entertainment event celebrating the founding of our Nation by displaying the goodwill of its participants to all attendees. It is not the venue for political campaigning or promoting divisive agendas. The parade committee reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant for any reason. Political campaigning is not permitted. No political literature is to be distributed and no political banners or buttons may be displayed on your unit or those in your unit.
21. Parade marshals will assist you at lineup and egress throughout the parade route. They are authorized to enforce the rules of the parade. They have the right to pull entries that do not comply with the rules and regulations.
22. The North Carolina 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Parade is a family-oriented event and all participants must perform in a tasteful manner. Obscene/offensive gestures and foul language (including music lyrics) will not be tolerated and participants will immediately be removed from the line of the march.
23. **Additional rules ONLY for those renting a float from the Festival:**
  - No running, jumping, dancing, clogging, etc. on the float
  - Participants will not have body parts, particularly legs and feet, extending past the sides, front or rear of the float. This is an extreme safety hazard.
  - No participants will dismount from a float during the parade route.
  - No participants may jump on a float to ride during the parade route.
  - Personnel riding on the float should sit or stand at the designated areas.
  - Float capacity will not be exceeded. A maximum of twelve adults is the limit for a full float.
  - No hay, straw, etc. on a float.
  - No pets or animals on a float.
  - No motorized vehicles including cars, trucks, boats, hot air balloons, motorcycles, etc.
  - All items must be removed immediately following the parade
  - You should arrange for transportation at the end. Pick up area is at the Southport Parks & Recreation Building (Old Jaycees Building).