

# CELEBRATE WILDWOOD – 1995 To 2019

## PARADE POLICY FOR PARTICIPANTS, including rules for participation

### Drafted by the Wildwood Celebration Commission

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Thank you for participating in the Celebrate Wildwood Parade. The City of Wildwood appreciates your participation and wants to ensure your time in the parade is enjoyable, safe, and meaningful to attendees/viewers of all ages. To those ends, the Wildwood Celebration Commission has developed the following policy and rules for all participants to meet. This policy and rules are applicable to any individual, group, organization, or other party that participates in the parade. Exceptions to this policy or rules may only be granted by the City Council, based upon a recommendation from the Wildwood Celebration Commission.

#### PARTICIPANT AUTHORIZATION POLICY:

1. Any individual, group, or organization may participate in the Celebrate Wildwood Parade, regardless of affiliation, unless otherwise determined by the Wildwood Celebration Commission to be inconsistent with or otherwise contrary to the intended and selected theme of it for that year. Certain individuals, groups, or organizations that affiliate themselves with activities or language that are intended to cause harm to another due to that person, group, or organization's gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, race, and/or political affiliation shall be prohibited to participate in the parade under any circumstance. Appeals of such decisions are to City Council.

#### PARKING RULE:

1. Participant parking locations shall be provided by the City of Wildwood, prior to the event. Please park in designated areas, as assigned, at all times.

#### PARADE LINE UP RULES:

1. Staging areas shall be provided by the City of Wildwood to all participants.
2. Line up begins at 9:00 a.m.
3. All parade participants must be in place by 9:30 a.m. (no exceptions)
4. All parade participants must arrive at the staging areas, as complete units.
5. Please note that staging assignments will be provided to parade participants via e-mail, prior to the event.

#### SUPPORT VEHICLES RULES:

1. Motorized entries (floats, cars, etc.) will not be permitted to have a support vehicle.
2. Marching units and walking entries are permitted to have one (1) support vehicle.

#### SAFETY RULES:

1. Parade Participants MAY walk along the curb and HAND pre-wrapped candy items to the crowd. **ANY ENTRY THROWING CANDY OR ANY OTHER OBJECT MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE AT THE NEXT INTERSECTION AND WILL BE BARRED FROM THE PARADE IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.**
2. Children walking in the parade must have adult supervision at all times.
3. No water guns of any sort allowed on a parade float.
4. Materials used in each parade entry should be fire-retardant and not of a dangerous nature. An on-board fire extinguisher is highly recommended.
5. All entries must be able to maintain their speed and position throughout the parade. Maneuvering, sidestepping, countermarching, or any other action delaying the progress of the parade or creating large gaps along the parade line are prohibited.
6. Distance between parade entries should be kept at thirty (30) feet.
7. The parade staff will consult with Police, weather, and Fire/EMS Officials to determine any cancellation due to unforeseen or threatening circumstances. In the event of inclement weather, please check your e-mail and telephone for messages regarding the parade staff's decision.
8. **Political cause and/or campaign, buttons, handouts, flyers, handbills, brochures, and/or leaflets may be distributed to parade attendees/viewers, but said circulation shall be consistent with Item #1 contained herein these Safety Rules.**
9. The City reserves the right to locate any individual, group, or organization within the parade lineup as it desires, based upon review and authorization by the Wildwood Celebration Commission.