

City of Hillsdale's Independence Day Parade 2024 Parade Rules and Regulations & Safety Guidelines

1. All entries must be registered to participate. The City of Hillsdale reserves the right to refuse any entry that is not appropriate, in good taste, or not in the best interest of the parade.
2. Drivers of an entry must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. Please have your driver's license with you on the day of the parade, as parade officials may be checking.
3. No sirens or horns – Please refrain from using them for this parade as it will compete with the musical entries and concern has been expressed that it scares some small children and animals in the parade, which could endanger bystanders.
4. Equestrian and animal entries must provide equipment and personnel to clean up after the animals.
5. All parade participants are required to conduct themselves in such a manner as to not infringe on the rights of those individuals that live in or along the parade route and staging area. This also applies to not infringing on the rights of the other participants as well.
6. Please clean up after yourself. We want Hillsdale to be a clean city for our community and visitors to enjoy. Be safe and have fun in the parade!

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

1. No objects, including candy, flyers, or party favors, may be thrown from any entry or by any participants in the parade, which includes along the parade route and in the staging area. Objects may be distributed, but must be passed out by hand.
2. Walking entries must be in a group and stay together.
3. There will be no live fires, fireworks, or open flames on any float.
4. There are to be no vision obstructions to tow vehicles. An observer other than the driver is recommended with all towed entries.
6. Float riders are only permitted to ride on the float during the parade. Load onto the float at the staging area and then unload back at the staging area.
7. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the staging area, during the parade, or when unloading. Intoxication is not allowed and will be handled by the proper authorities.
8. No smoking near or on any entries.

Failure to comply or a violation of any of these rules or safety requirements can result in you being ineligible to be in the parade.

City of Hillsdale's Independence Day Parade 2024 Parade Registration Form

Parade is Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Line up for the parade begins at 5:00 PM at the Midtown Parking Lot. Please don't be late to check in!

Business, Organization, Group, or Family Name: _____

Contact (Responsible Party): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Category (*Please check all that apply*):

- _____ Float
- _____ Marching Band
- _____ Musical Group
- _____ Veteran/Military Unit
- _____ Civic/Religious Organization
- _____ Animal – List Type of Animal(s) _____
- _____ Individual/Family

By signing below, I attest that I have read the parade rules and regulations and safety guidelines and will abide by them.

Responsible Party Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed registration forms may be emailed to sfry@cityofhillsdale.org or
dropped off at: 97 N. Broad Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242.
Questions? Call 517-437-6426.

Thank you for joining our parade!