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City of Massillon Parade Safety Procedure

The City of Massillon is committed to ensuring the safety of all parade participants and spectators. The following rules and procedures are mandatory for all parade entries:

1. Float Riders

- All riders must remain at least **18 inches from the edge** of the float.
- Riders **may not hang over** the side of the float at any time.
- It is strongly recommended that floats be equipped with **railings or bales of hay** along the edges for added safety.
- Riding on top of vehicles is strictly prohibited.

2. Floats and Vehicles

- **Tractor-trailers** must be in good working condition and comply with all weight restrictions.
- **All vehicles** participating in the parade must:
 - Have a **current registration**.
 - Be operated by a driver who holds a **valid operator's license** and is **at least 18 years of age**.
- A complete list of drivers and vehicles must be submitted to the **Massillon Police Chief** at least **seven (7) days prior** to the parade.

3. Walkers

- Walkers must remain **alongside floats and vehicles** at all times.
- Walkers are not permitted to walk **in front of or behind** vehicles or floats.

4. Candy and Giveaways

- Candy or other items **may not be thrown** to spectators.
- To prevent spectators from entering the street, parade participants must **walk along the sidewalk** and **hand out candy directly**.

5. Entry Spacing

- A minimum distance of **20 feet between entries** must be maintained at all times, including when turning off of Lincoln Way.
- Parade staff and marshals will monitor compliance with spacing requirements.

6. Monitoring and Enforcement

- Additional safety personnel will be strategically placed along the parade route to ensure compliance with these procedures.
- Violations of these safety requirements may result in removal from the parade.