

# HERRINFESTA ITALIANA

## Grand Parade

### Rules & Regulations

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All participants in the HerrinFesta Italiana Grand Parade are required to read, understand, and comply with the following rules and regulations. The HerrinFesta Committee reserves the right to remove any participant from the parade route who fails to comply with these guidelines. Violations may result in prohibition from participating in future HerrinFesta parades and events.

## 1. ARRIVAL & LINE-UP

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### Check-In

- Upon arrival, look for a Parade Marshal located at the corner of Ash Street and 13th Street.
- Marshals will assist you in staging your float, vehicle, or entry.
- All participants must check in with a Marshal before taking their position in the lineup.

### Positioning

- Follow all directions given by Parade Marshals to ensure a smooth and organized line-up.
- Do not move your entry from its assigned staging position without Marshal authorization.
- Participants should arrive no later than 10:45 AM to allow adequate time for staging.

## 2. PARADE START & ROUTE

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- The parade will begin promptly at 11:00 AM. Late entries may not be permitted to join the parade once it has begun.
- The parade will proceed down Park Avenue and conclude at Polk Street.
- Participants must maintain a consistent pace and keep appropriate spacing between entries throughout the route.
- Do not stop along the parade route unless directed by a Parade Marshal or emergency personnel.
- Participants must remain in their designated position and may not change places in the lineup once the parade has started.

### 3. FLOATS, VEHICLES & MUSIC

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- We encourage all participants to include engaging, creative floats and lively music to entertain spectators!
- All floats and vehicles must be in safe operating condition and shall stay in the center part of the parade route at all times, unless previously permitted.
- Drivers of parade vehicles must possess a valid driver's license and operate their vehicle safely at all times.
- Float and vehicle speeds must remain slow and controlled throughout the entire parade route.
- All decorations must be securely fastened to prevent them from falling off during the parade.
- Music and sound systems must be kept at a reasonable volume and must not contain offensive or inappropriate content.

### 4. SAFETY GUIDELINES & PROHIBITED ITEMS

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The safety of all participants and spectators is our highest priority. The following items and behaviors are strictly prohibited:

- **Throwing hard objects of any kind from a vehicle or float is strictly prohibited.**
- **The use of confetti cannons, air cannons, or any type of cannon device is strictly prohibited, as they pose safety hazards and complicate cleanup.**
- **Throwing or distributing candy, items, or promotional materials in a manner that causes spectators to enter the parade route is prohibited.**
- **The use of fireworks, pyrotechnics, or open flames on any float or vehicle is strictly prohibited.**
- **Alcohol consumption by participants during the parade is strictly prohibited.**
- **Participants may not operate drones or unmanned aerial vehicles along the parade route without prior written approval from the Committee.**
- **Offensive, obscene, or inappropriate signage, language, or behavior will not be tolerated.**

#### Safe Distribution of Items to Spectators:

- If you wish to hand out items such as candy or promotional materials, participants must walk alongside the float or vehicle and hand items directly to spectators.
- Items must only be distributed to spectators standing safely on the sidewalk — never thrown into the crowd.

## 5. JUDGING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Judges will be stationed in front of Herrin City Hall along the parade route.
- Your entry will be announced as you pass City Hall — put your best foot forward and showcase your creativity!
- Judging categories may include float design, theme, spirit, and overall presentation.

## 6. GENERAL CONDUCT & COMPLIANCE

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- All participants, including drivers, float riders, walkers, and performers, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit and integrity of our community celebration and safety.
- Participants must comply with all instructions from Parade Marshals, law enforcement, and HerrinFesta Committee officials at all times.
- Any participant engaging in unsafe, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior will be removed from the parade route immediately.

**The HerrinFesta Committee reserves the right to remove any participant from the parade route at any time. Participants who violate these rules will be prohibited from participating in future HerrinFesta parades and events.**

**Thank you for being part of the HerrinFesta Grand Parade!**

We look forward to seeing your creativity and enthusiasm on this special day!

— HerrinFesta Committee