

Downtown Henderson Christmas Parade 2025 Rules and Regulations

Saturday, December 6, 2025

2:30 pm

- 1- All Floats, Fire trucks, and vehicles with trailers to line up at 1:15pm. All other parade entries line up at 1:30pm and NO LATER than 2:00pm. Participants are assigned a numbered slot in the parade..
2. Once the barriers are in place **NO ONE** will be allowed to drive on Raleigh Road to drop off parade participants. **Parents will need to park and walk their children to their parade spot.**
- 3- **Floats will be judged based on attractiveness, best use of theme, and riders dressed according to theme.** Judges decisions are final. Prizes are awarded as follows: 1st = \$100 ~ 2nd = \$50 ~ 3rd = \$25 - PLEASE NOTE: **Only paid entries will be eligible for prize money!**
- ****4- Please include insurance information and license for the driver of each vehicle with this form. **** **Very important**
- 5- ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A CHRISTMAS THEME. For example: Antique autos are to be decorated for Christmas. In a car club – **All Cars in the Group Must Be Decorated!** Musical groups are encouraged to play Christmas music. NO ONE will be allowed to participate in the parade WITHOUT a Christmas theme; this includes businesses, cars, trucks, marching units, etc
6. **Please note: No additional persons dressed as Santa except the one appointed by the Fire Department will be allowed**
- 7- Due to safety reasons, **MOTORCYCLES AND HORSES ARE PROHIBITED.** Three or four Wheelers are not permitted
- 8- **The parade entry fee includes UP TO 3 VEHICLES for car clubs. Additional vehicles are \$10 each. Example: 1 to 3 cars = 1 entry fee of \$55; 3 cars +1 = \$65. Car Clubs and Car Dealerships Only Please**
9. **MARCHERS ALONG ROUTE MAY PASS OUT CANDY BUT PLEASE DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM VEHICLES**
- 10- Henderson City Code Section 10- 23 states: “No one participating in a parade or proceeding along the route of a parade shall distribute handbills, advertising matter, candy, cigarettes, prizes, or favors of any kind, within one hundred feet of any moving motor vehicle or within one hundred feet of any group of parade participants marching in an organized marching formation.”
- 11- **Each entry must include a sign or banner with the organization's name.**
- 12- Only preauthorized groups will be allowed to participate in the parade. No more than 25 individuals representing a single organization or club will be allowed. (This EXCLUDES organized walking or marching units)
- 13- Any unauthorized persons/vehicles will be turned away. NO ONE will be allowed to enter into the parade at the parade. **ALL ENTRIES MUST MEET DEADLINES.**
- 14- There should be no more than a car length between each entry (previously, there were too many gaps in the parade)
- 15- **No refunds will be given for no shows or entries that are removed due to rule infractions.**
- 16- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited by all 2025 parade participants.
- 17- It is the responsibility of each person participating in the parade to adhere to all applicable local, state and/or federal laws. **The City of Henderson, sponsors, contributors, and supporters deny liability for any damages, injuries, or losses as a result of participating in the 2025 Henderson Christmas Parade.**

In the event that we have **severe inclement weather** on 12/06/25, the parade will be held on 12/13/25, **A telephone call will be made to all parade contacts if this change occurs. Therefore, please have a valid working number on the parade form.**

If for any reason the parade is canceled, you will get a call from Alice Sallins, Vance County Schools and the local Police/Sheriff and WIZS Radio Station will be notified.

2025 Downtown Henderson Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 6, 2025, Parade begins at 2:30pm

Floats, Fire trucks, and Vehicles with Trailers Line-up on Raleigh Road
(At Burger King) between 1:15 to 1:40pm

All Other parade entries 1:30pm and NO LATER than 2:00pm

Professional floats: Triangle Float Company (Contact Mark Harris: (trianglefloats@yahoo.com) 919-410-5543)
Please note that the parade will end on Rose Ave. Parents should pick up children in the courthouse parking lot at Rose Avenue

Deadline for Entries and Fees: Saturday, November 22, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: No One Will Be Allowed To Participate Without an Entry Form Turned in by the Deadline

For additional information, contact Dr. Alice Clark Sallins Parade Organizer 252-767-4579

Organization/Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Entry includes music ___ yes ___ no Explain: _____

Entry Type/Fee: * Basic entry fee \$55 all exceptions are listed below

_____ Professional Float = **\$55 per entry** (Does not include float rental) _____ Original Float = **\$55 per entry**

_____ Walking/Marching Units = **\$55 per entry** _____ # of Participants

_____ Car Clubs – up to 3 cars = **\$55** _____ # of Additional Cars or Trucks = **\$10 per entry over 3**

_____ **High School and Middle School Marching Bands = no charge**

_____ All other School Organizations = **\$25 per unit** _____ float _____ Marching or _____ Vehicle (s)

_____ Fire Trucks, Ambulance, or Military = **no charge** _____ Marching or _____ Vehicle (s)

_____ Tractor/Trailer or oversized trucks = **\$100 per entry** _____ # of Tractors/Trailers or Trucks

Applicable Entry fees should accompany this form. Please make checks or MO payable to:

City of Henderson (Parade)

Mail to Downtown Development~ 207 N. Garnett Street ~ Henderson, NC 27536

I have read the attached list of rules regarding the 2025 Christmas Parade and agree to comply with them as set forth by the City of Henderson. I understand that if I do not comply with the rules and regulations, I and/or my group will not be allowed to participate in the parade. I understand there is a \$45 charge on returned checks.

Print Name & Title of Applicant

Signature _____ Date

* All dance routines and marchers must move forward at all times. No stopping allowed: This action causes gaps in the parade.

Please include insurance/License information for each driver with this form