Downtown **Henderson Christmas Parade 2026** Rules and Regulations

Saturday, December 5, 2026

2:30 pm

1- All Floats, Fire trucks, and vehicles with trailers to line up at1:15pm. 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**- Please include insurance information and photo license for the drivers with this form. * Very important *

4. Please do not submit a form without the payment and required information in #3

5- ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A CHRISTMAS THEME. For example: Antique autos are to be decorated for Christmas. 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.. MARCHERS ALONG ROUTE MAY PASS OUT CANDY BUT PLEASE DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM VEHICLES

9- 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.*"

10- ***Each entry must include a sign or banner with the organization's name.***

11- 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)

12- 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***.

13- There should be no more than a car length between each entry (previously, there were too many gaps in the parade)

14- No refunds will be given for no shows or entries that are removed due to rule infractions.

15- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited by all 2026 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 The City of Henderson, sponsors, contributors, and supporters deny liability for any damages, injuries, or losses as a result of participating in the 2026 Henderson Christmas Parade.

In the event that we have severe inclement weather on 12/05/26, the parade will not be rescheduled. 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.

2026Downtown 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: Friday, November 20, 2026

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

_____ Vehicles = **$55 per entry** _____Car _____Truck or _____Other (one per entry fee)

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

_____ All other School Organizations = **$25 per unit** _____ float_____Marching or _____Vehicle

_____ Fire Trucks, Ambulance, or Military = **no charge** _____Marching or _____Vehicle

_____ 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 2026 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 $55 charge on returned checks.

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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