National Lentil Festival Parade
Float Safety Inspection Checklist

Name of Float _____ Float Number _____

The driver of the flat shall have the safety inspection checklist and information sheets in his possession the day of the parade. The driver shall perform an inspection of the float the day of the parade and sign the inspection checklist. The signed inspection checklist shall be presented to the safety official inspecting the float prior to the start of the parade.

Driver	Safety Official	
_____	_____	1) Float driver has a valid driver's license.
_____	_____	2) Driver's compartment provided with adequate ventilation
_____	_____	3) Driver provided with adequate field of vision
_____	_____	4) Construction allows for rapid exit of driver
_____	_____	5) Required fire extinguishers provided and the driver and escorts are familiar with the location and use.
_____	_____	6) Brake system meets requirements
_____	_____	7) Fuel system components meet requirements
_____	_____	8) Exhaust system meets requirements
_____	_____	9) Portable generator meets requirements (if applicable)
_____	_____	10) Electrical system components meet requirements
_____	_____	11) Float properly serviced (fuel, water, oil, tires and battery)
_____	_____	12) Approved restraints are provided for each rider or driver on the float.
_____	_____	13) Decorative material is fire resistive or treated with a fire retardant solution.
_____	_____	14) No smoking is taking place on or near the float
_____	_____	15) The required tow rings and cables are provided
_____	_____	16) Floats which are not self propelled meet requirements for hitch and towing vehicle

I certify that the above inspection has been performed that that, to the best of my knowledge, the float has met the requirements set forth in the inspection checklist and information sheets.

Driver's Signature _____ Date _____

Parade Float Safety Requirements

Decoration: Floats must be entirely decorated –no part of vehicle on which the float is built, or in the case of a two-unit entry, no part of the pulling unit shall be visible to the judges or spectators.
Size: Floats are not to exceed 13 1/2 feet in height nor 16 feet in width. Maximum length will be 60 feet per unit and clearance to the ground from the frame will be minimum of 8 inches. The float should be so constructed that it will be able to make turns at street intersections.
Drivers: Sponsors must furnish drivers for their floats. If in view, drivers must be appropriately attired.
Supervision: Drivers must remain with their float from the time of judging until the parade is dispersed, and the float is returned to designated assembly area.
No undercoated vehicles will be accepted as entries in the parade.
Riders: No person is permitted to ride on a float in the parade other than those selected or designated by the sponsor to appear thereon.
Rider Safety: All participants riding on floats must have a body support or an approved automotive safety belt or have handholds while the float is moving. Safety belts must be worn on the outside of garments.

1)FLAME PROOFING: All light decorative material must be effectively fire resistant. Satisfactory flame-proofing is determined by holding a sample of the material in a vertical position and placing the flame of a match 1/2 inch below it. If the material ignites, it must extinguish itself when the flame is removed. This requirement shall apply only to combustible material; i.e. Paper-Mache, fur fabric, frame material, etc. Fresh cut greenery and flowers and excluded.

2) NO SMOKING ON FLOATS-Open flames are prohibited.

3) The float vehicle must be properly serviced for gasoline, water, oil; tires checked for legal tread depth and pressure; battery in good condition prior to entry into the parade. The engine shall be free of accumulations of grease and oil.

4) Each float rider must have a slide-in type body support or a body support and an approved automotive seat belt that shall be work outside of the user's costume. Seated personnel shall be wired or tied on. This includes periods of transit to and from the staging area.

5) TOWING: Tow rings or cables shall be provided in the front of the float in addition to a tow ring at the back of the float. They shall be readily accessible without removing portions of the float structure and be of sufficient strength to tow the float at any time. The driver must be aware of locations.

6) All floats that are not self-propelled shall be equipped with a hitch rated for the gross weight of the float and occupants. The towing vehicle shall meet the requirements for operation on a public street.

Brake System

1) All floats shall be equipped with approved standard automotive brakes on all four wheels.
2) The brakes shall be capable of stopping and holding the float while power is being applied to the drive train
3) All floats shall be equipped with an approved manual emergency brake system.

Fuel System

1) All floats shall be equipped with a standard automotive or boat type gas tank.
2) All fuel lines, fuel pumps, etc. shall be of the standard automotive type.
3) All gas tanks shall be adequately secured and shall be vented to the outside of the float.
4) Extra gasoline, other than in the vehicles tank, shall not be carried on the float.

Exhaust System

1) All exhaust pipes shall be free of leaks and shall extend a minimum of 18 inches beyond the apron of the float.
2) All exhaust pipes shall be securely mounted.
3) Floats shall be provided with adequate ventilation in the driver's compartment.
4) The float shall be constructed so as to allow the driver to rapidly exit the vehicle in an emergency.