



## CIVIC DAYS 2025

### RULES & GUIDELINES FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS

(These rules and guidelines will be strictly enforced.)

Any entry, in whole or in part, not conforming to these Rules and Guidelines, using offensive language or inappropriate behavior will be dealt with immediately. Penalties for non-compliance may include immediate removal from the parade, disqualification from judging, or barred participation in future parades. Rulings by Civic Days officials are final.

**T.V. – REVIEWING STAND NARRATION INFORMATION:** Civic Days and the parade committee is not responsible for obtaining descriptions of your entry for use by the reviewing stand. Bios must be submitted on your parade application form. Any amendments to your organizations Bio must be submitted by June 23, 2025. Amendments can be sent to [civicsdays@fitchburgma.gov](mailto:civicsdays@fitchburgma.gov).

#### CONTACT PERSON:

- A)** A designated “Contact Person” is required to accompany all entries. The name of this individual, along with his/her daytime/cell phone number must be included on each application. Entries with children under the age of 12 must provide responsible adult supervisors to accompany the unit.
- B)** All participants, their sponsors, and “Contact Person” will immediately comply with any request received from a parade or Civic Days official. The designated “Contact Person” will be held responsible for the compliance of the entry as a whole.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Consumption of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by participants is prohibited.

#### FLOATS:

- A)** All entries must be decorated according to the parade theme or in a patriotic manner. All banners must be neatly lettered.
- B)** No participants may jump on a float to ride while in motion. No participants will dismount from a float during the parade route. Participants will not have body parts, particularly legs and feet, extending past the sides, front or rear of the float. This is a safety hazard.

**FLAGS:** Any flags displayed in conjunction with the parade must conform to all regulations governing the display of flags in the USA.

#### PARADE ROUTE INFORMATION:

- A)** Participants will check in at the student drop off area located at St. Bernard’s Elementary School, 254 Summer Street, Fitchburg, MA. Line up instructions will be provided at check in or in advance via email.
- B)** Participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 AM.
- C)** Walkers must arrange their own transportation back the parking area.

#### POLITICAL DIVISION:

- A)** Political Entries must pay a \$250. entry fee. Please make checks payable to City of Fitchburg (Memo: Fitchburg Civic Days Parade 2025)
- B)** Political Entries are limited to 25 walking participants and 2 vehicles or floats.
- C)** Political Entrants will be placed in the last Division and lined up in Alphabetical Order. Any adjustments to the planned order can only be made by Parade Officials and are final.