



City of Lenoir Night of Lights Christmas Parade Rules and Regulations

Friday, December 5, 2025

6:00 PM



We are so glad that you will be joining us this year for the City of Lenoir's Night of Lights Christmas Parade on Friday, December 5th at **6:00 pm**! Please take a moment to read these instructions to help make the parade a good experience for everyone. In an effort to provide a safe and enjoyable event, the City of Lenoir requires that the following guidelines be observed by ALL entries in the parade.

PLEASE REVIEW THESE IMPORTANT GUIDELINES - SOME POINTS HAVE CHANGED!

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- In order to participate in the parade, you (and/or your organization) are required to complete the online parade application, read all parade policies, pay the appropriate fees, and return the entry form to Lenoir City Hall. All entries must be submitted by the **deadline of 5:00 pm on Monday, December 1, 2025.**
- **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025.**
- Every motorized vehicle in the parade must have an individual application on file. Due to insurance regulations, only drivers 18 or older with a valid drivers license are permitted to drive in the parade. All vehicles must be street legal, have a valid registration, and insurance.
- Entries that are "a group of individuals" are required to assemble the entire group prior to the Check-In Time and report to the Check-In Area as one complete, entire group. No exceptions!
- Trailer and float sizes must follow these limits:
 - 5th-wheel tractor trailers – up to 48 feet long
 - Lowboy and gooseneck trailers – up to 40 feet long
 - All trailers and floats – up to 102 inches wide and 13 feet tall

CHECK-IN / UNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS:

- **ALL VEHICLES MUST CHECK-IN BEFORE LINING UP!!**
- **Parade Check-In Area is located at Unity Park & Community Gardens (for GPS use 1431 College Avenue, Lenoir, NC 28645).** Check-In begins at 4:30 pm
- Check-In with Lenoir Police and/or parade Check-In Staff in the Orange or Yellow safety vests and they will direct you. At check-in, provide the name of the registered entry driver.
- Upon check-in, you will receive a dash-board permit. This permit must be visible through the windshield of your vehicle throughout the parade.
- Walking groups must check-in at the Parade Check-In Area.

GROUP ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Group entries (more than one vehicle/person) need to arrive at Check-In together or otherwise may not be in the parade together. **(Parade staging is first come first serve.)**
- When group vehicles are positioned in line-up, absent members will not be allowed to join group.
- Drivers are responsible for every group member on the float/trailer of vehicle.
- Group leaders are responsible for making sure every group member is dropped-off and picked-up before and after the parade. All group members should be made aware of the drop-off and pick-up locations.

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IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR OTHER ILLEGAL DRUG CONSUMPTION BEFORE OR DURING THE PARADE. ANYONE SUSPECTED OF BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AND WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTRY IN THE FUTURE.**
- Throwing items from the floats is **ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED**. This is for the safety of our children and all participants. If you would like to give out candy, you **MUST** have someone walk alongside your float or vehicle to distribute candy by hand to those on the street.
- Confetti cannons are **NOT** allowed.
- Semi-trucks must have experienced drivers due to tight turns on Parade route.
- Distribution of printed material is **ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED**.
- All children participating in parade must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. **Report lost children to Emergency Contact Persons listed below. Lost child pick-up will be at City Hall.**
- The parade will be held rain or shine and **will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.**
- Vehicles with sirens and loud horns should be courteous to participants in front of them, especially children.
- Portable PA systems will not be allowed, other than for recorded music as appropriate.
- Horses are not permitted in the parade due to liability issues.
- Motorcycles and/or motorcycle groups are not permitted in the parade.
- **NO SANTAS PLEASE!** We will provide the one and only Santa for the parade!
- When you've reached the Parade route end, **CONTINUE TO DESIGNATED UNLOADING ZONE BEFORE STOPPING TO LET RIDERS OFF.** The unloading zone will be located at the corner of **West Ave and Harper Ave in front of Lenoir Building Supply.** Please pull all the way forward in the unloading zone before stopping your vehicle. **SEE ATTACHED MAP.**
- Due to the uncontrollable nature of fire on a moving apparatus such as a float or vehicle and due to the amount of people and flammable/combustible materials through the downtown area, there shall be **NO OPEN FLAME** used in, on, or beside any of the floats, vehicles or participants in the parade. North Carolina Fire Code Section 3 discusses various uses of fire and open flame in relation to many topics. Section 305 discusses ignition sources including 305.4 stating that "It shall be unlawful to deliberately or through negligence set fire to or cause the burning of combustible material in such a manner as to endanger the safety of persons or property."

PARADE ENTRY FEE SCHEDULE & TERMS:

- **Registration ends at 5:00 pm on Monday, December 1, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- All applications submitted after this deadline will not be accepted!
- Entry fees are non-refundable. Inclement weather will not be grounds for refund.
- Business and commercial entries:
 - Standard Rate: \$50.00 for 1 vehicle - \$15.00 for each additional vehicle
- Community-based, nonprofit groups, churches, and individual entries:
 - Standard Rate: \$10.00 for 1 vehicle - \$5.00 for each additional vehicle
- The City of Lenoir reserves the right to revoke or refuse an entry at any time without recourse by the entrant and shall not be liable to anyone for this action.
- Entry placement in the parade will be at the sole discretion of the City of Lenoir Parks & Recreation Department

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSONS:

If you are experiencing a medical emergency or require immediate medical assistance, please dial 911. For all other parade related emergencies or lost children, please contact the persons below.

- Zack Carter	LAFC Director	828.467.0810
- Brenda Floyd	Main Street Director	828.750.4597
- Ashley Smith	Main Street Coordinator	828.750.1674
- Police Dept.		828.757.2100