

Deming Public Schools Parade Safety Checklist

Name of Float Entry - _____

Float driver must have this Inspection Checklist in his/her possession the day of the parade. Driver must check off, sign and present checklist to the Officials for verification prior to the start of the parade.

_____ 1. **Float & Running Gear** – Float and tow vehicle, supporting structure, wheels, tires and brakes are in good condition and sufficient for safe handling of float with riders on board.

_____ 2. **Maintenance** – Float and tow vehicle are in good working order, properly serviced with gasoline, oil, water. If licensed for highway use, vehicles proof of insurance is available. No extra gasoline is carried on the float. For emergencies, a horn or other sounding device is present.

_____ 3. **Vision/Communication** – Driver has proper 180 degrees forward vision (or spotters) as well as view of (or communication with) float riders. 4. **Fire Suppression** – The float or tow vehicle has at least one (1) 10 lb ABC Type Fire Extinguisher, which has been serviced, tagged & dated. It is affixed to the unit within easy reach of the float driver and float occupants (or two (2) separate extinguishers may be used, as needed).

5. **Riders** – Each float rider has a sturdy support, hand holds, belt restraint or other means to prevent a fall from the unit. No one shall be located where they could fall under the float. Safety of seated and standing riders will be assessed by the parade committee. Alcohol consumption and smoking on the float is prohibited. Riders have been cautioned to remain on the float during the parade and anytime the float is in motion.

_____ 6. **Driver** – Float driver has valid license for the vehicle and is competent to drive the float safely. Driving under the influence of drugs or intoxicants is prohibited.

_____ 7. **Generator** – Portable generator, if used, is securely mounted and separated from decorative materials. Generator is equipped with metal exhaust which extends to the exterior of the unit.

_____ 8. **Wiring** – All float electric wiring used for light or other components are secured and appropriately guarded to prevent shock or fire.

_____ 9. **Speeds** – Float unit is able to maintain a minimum of 5 miles per hour. Float speed shall not exceed 10 mph when float riders are on board and during the parade.

_____ 10. **Towing** – Towed trailers and towed float has sturdy tow connections and safety cables or chains in place (and attached) which are of sufficient strength for proper handling.

_____ 11. **General** – Riders have been advised that objects should not be thrown from the float in to the crowd.

The above inspection has been made and to the best of our knowledge this float is in accordance with the Deming Public Schools Safety requirements and is acceptable for participation in the parade.

Float Driver - Name/Signature / Date _____ / _____ Date _____

Parade Official–Name/Signature / Date _____ / _____ Date _____

Please bring this checklist to your Safety Inspection, conducted at the start of the parade.