

LIGHTED PARADE RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Please do not use any live versions of Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus on your float—as the first entry of the parade is Santa and Mrs. Claus. An additional Santa or Mrs. Claus may cause confusion for the youth.
2. All parade entries **must** be thoroughly illuminated and decorated. Christmas lights, spotlights and holiday music are strongly encouraged!
3. Parade lineup begins at the Hampton swimming pool and travels through downtown Hampton ending at Band Shell Park, where the floats will be parked and on display during the Lighting of the Park event. (If the number of floats exceeds the swimming pool parking lot—lineup will overflow into Seabee Corporation’s parking lot.) Franklin REC will reach out to you to confirm where lineup is located the week of the parade.
4. All units are strongly encouraged to have at least **one fire extinguisher** placed on float or within easy reach of the float driver.
5. All drivers must possess a valid driver’s license and be adequately trained to drive their float.
6. All entries must complete the liability waiver (attached to this form) and return it to Franklin REC by Wednesday, November 26th, 2025.
7. Candy, samples or other materials of any kind may **NOT** be thrown or otherwise distributed throughout the parade route. This is for the safety of parade walkers and spectators as the parade travels in the dark. If you wish to pass items out, please contact Franklin REC to discuss opportunities.
8. The parade will be held on the day scheduled unless there is severe inclement weather. Weather updates and announcements will be made available on Franklin REC’s Facebook page, The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, and announced on KLMJ. Inclement weather date is Saturday, December 6th, 2025.
9. Franklin REC reserves the right to prohibit any entry from entering into the parade that is inappropriate.