

THE CITY OF GAFFNEY PRESENTS

# A SUPERHERO CHRISTMAS PARADE

FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 1ST  
6PM



For more info:

Gaffney Visitors Center  
210 West Frederick Street



864.487.6244



September 29, 2023

Dear 2023 Parade Participant:

The City of Gaffney invites you to join us for a "SuperHero Christmas Parade" in historic downtown Gaffney on Friday, December 1st at 6pm. Participants are encouraged to feature a "superhero" theme in each entry, whether it be a classic comic book hero, a beloved animated character, a blockbuster movie icon, or someone you deem as a real life suphero. Show us your superhero! As always, the creative staff at the Gaffney Visitors Center is available to assist with any ideas. If you have questions, please call us or stop by.

Start brainstorming ideas now! All entries in the 2023 Superhero Christmas Parade will compete for a chance to win a cash prize. To enter, just submit your parade application with all required documents. Judging will be based on four areas of emphasis: best in show, originality, use of theme, and utilization of material and lights. We are super excited to see all the ideas come to life!

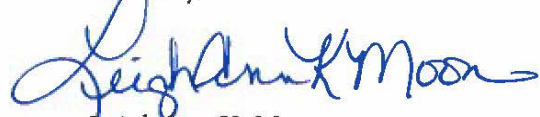
Parade applications must be submitted by 3:00pm on Monday, November 27th. Please keep in mind that entries are spaced to allow a mix of floats, bands, walkers, and vehicles – all of which are in order then by the date completed application was submitted. Basically, the sooner you turn in your application, the better your chance for being near the front of the parade line up.

On a final note, PLEASE keep in mind that the parade is a nighttime parade. It will be dark at 6pm. All parade entries must be illuminated. If you do not illuminate your entry, it will not be seen in many areas along the parade route.

We look forward to receiving your entry. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 864-487-6244, events@getintogaffney.com or 210 West Frederick Street, Gaffney, South Carolina.

Wishing you and yours a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,



LeighAnn K. Moon  
Director

- Gaffney Visitors Center & Art Gallery
- Gaffney Station Farmers Market ■ Event Planning
- Promotions



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## PROCEDURES

1. Every entry must pre-register by completing the parade application form and attaching required documents
2. Parade is limited to the first 100 entries.
3. **ALL PARADE ENTRIES MUST BE ILLUMINATED!**
4. Fee of \$20.00 per entry (Elected Officials not required to pay fee) must be paid at the time of application is submitted.
5. Float rental fee is \$1050 and includes entry fee.
6. No sirens or loud horns.
7. **No throwing of any candy, favors or handouts of any kind.**  
**Failure to comply will result in IMMEDIATE removal and suspension from future participation.**
8. ALL entries (motorized and ridden) must remain in the center of parade route. No maneuvering and NO riding animals to the spectators for petting, conversing or any other reason.
9. All motorized vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver and proof of insurance is required. **Proof of current insurance and copy of drivers license for driver must be submitted at time of application.**
10. City will provide Santa - **no other Santa is allowed in parade.**
11. Floats transporting children more than thirty (30") inches from the ground must have side rails. Rails should measure a minimum of three feet from the floor of the unit.
12. To ensure the safety of riders, all children must be unloaded from floats/open units at the end of the parade route.
13. Parents, or other responsible adults (18 yrs. or older), must be at the end of the parade route to pick up their children.
14. The ratio of adult chaperones to children will be no less than 1:10 for ages 6 to 12 or 1:5 for preschoolers.
15. All animals (including horses) must abide by the City of Gaffney Animal Control laws (**including immediate removal of waste**). Responsible person(s) of animal entries must have someone with the animal throughout the parade (from line-up to parade conclusion) with pooper scooping capabilities. **ALL WASTE MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.** \*\*Please see City of Gaffney Animal Control Ordinance on next page\*\*
16. **PERFORMANCE AREAS:** The ONLY locations permissible for stopped performances are the following intersections: Buford, Floyd Baker Boulevard and Frederick. Stopped performances can last no longer than **30** seconds.

## CITY OF GAFFNEY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

### **Sec. 4-2. - Definitions.**

*The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:*

*Animal means all living vertebrate creatures except homo sapiens.*

*Animal control officer means a person designated by the city as the enforcement officer of the provisions of this chapter, and so designated by the city administrator.*

*Animal shelter means any premises so designated by the city council for the purpose of impounding and caring for pets found in violation of this chapter.*

*At large means an animal off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under restraint by the owner or keeper.*

*Cat means a commonly domesticated member of the feline family, excluding lions, tigers, jaguars, panthers, bobcats, wild cats and the like.*

*Dangerous or vicious animal means any animal constituting a physical threat to human beings or other animals, or evidencing an abnormal inclination to attack persons or animals without provocation, or having a tendency to do any act repeatedly which might endanger the safety of persons or property.*

*Dog means a commonly domesticated member of the canine family, excluding wolves, foxes, coyotes and the like.*

*Euthanasia; euthanize; euthanized means the methods of destruction provided by the South Carolina Code of 1976 for impounded animals.*

*Exposure to rabies means any person or animal which has been bitten by or exposed to any animal known to have been infected with rabies. This determination shall be made by the state department of health and environmental control as provided for in state law.*

*Kennel means any person or organization engaging in the business of breeding, buying, selling or boarding of animals.*

*Neutered pet means any dog or cat which has been operated on to prevent conception.*

*Owner or keeper means any person who has a right of property in an animal; keeps or harbors an animal, or has it in his care or acts as its custodian; or permits such animal to remain on or about premises occupied by the owner or keeper.*

*Pet means any dog, cat or member of the canine and feline family.*

*Running at large means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the physical control of the owner or keeper by means of a leash or other similar restraining device.*

*Stray means an animal at large.*

*Under restraint. Controlled by means of a chain, leash or other restraining device lead by a person physically capable of restraining the animal, and obedient to that person's commands, or securely enclosed within the real property limits of the animal owner's premises, or securely enclosed within the real property limits of property of another with that property owner's permission, or securely enclosed within a vehicle being driven or parked.*

*Vicious animal means any animal evidencing an abnormal inclination to attack persons or animals without provocation.*

*Wild, exotic or venomous animal means any animal that, because of its size, disposition or other characteristic would constitute a danger to persons or property.*

### **Sec. 4-20. - Leash regulation.**

*(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit such animal to run at large or to transport an unrestrained animal in an open truck bed. A dog shall not be considered running at large if:*

- (1) It is confined to the property of the owner or keeper; or*
- (2) On a leash not longer than ten feet, restrained by a person as defined in section 4-2; or*
- (3) A. In a cage or enclosed interior of a vehicle.*

*B. Dogs which are participating in hunting, obedience trials, conformation shows, tracking tests, herding trials, lure courses or agility trials shall not be considered at large.*

### **Sec. 4-24. - Animal waste\***

*The owner or keeper of every animal shall:*

- (1) Be responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by his animal on any property other than his own;*
- (2) Prevent the accumulation of animal waste on any property;*
- (3) Dispose of a pet's waste by either flushing or bagging and depositing it in the garbage or by burial.*

**\* PLEASE NOTE THAT ANIMAL WASTE PERTAINS TO ALL ANIMALS INCLUDING HORSES. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDER OF EACH HORSE TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4-24 SHOWN ABOVE.**

**City of Gaffney Christmas  
Parade  
December 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

Office Use Only
Date Rec'd: _____
#: _____
<u>Parade Position Number:</u> _____

*Submit your completed application with required documents at the Gaffney Visitors Center, located at 210 West Frederick Street. Entry forms will be accepted through Monday, November 27, 2023 or until the first 100 entries are received, whichever is first. Please keep in mind that entries are spaced to allow a mix of floats, bands, walkers, and vehicles – ALL of which are in order then by the date completed application was received.*

What is your "SuperHero" entry theme? \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the box that best describes type of unit:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Marching Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Cart              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Farm Tractors |

**MUSIC (check one of the following):**

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music – includes boom box, radio,<br>loudspeakers, band etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> No Music |
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**ANIMALS (must comply with Animal Ordinance):**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horses | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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**VEHICLES (must be insured):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycles or other ATVs | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Passenger Vehicle (car or pick-up truck) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large rig/semi-trailer    | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response Vehicle                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               | (must be pre-approved)  |

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is your unit  gasoline OR  diesel?
2. Will your unit be pulling a trailer, bed, or any similar attachment?  Yes  No
3. If yes, what is the length? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please pay close attention to rule numbers 10-13)

**All vehicles must provide proof of insurance and a copy of the license of the person who will be driving the unit in the parade. This MUST be submitted with application.**

Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This is the name your float will be registered as. Use this name when checking in on December 1<sup>st</sup>.)*

Responsible Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Parade Rules have been read, accepted and will be abided by. I, the undersigned, agree that I will notify my participants that they are responsible for any personal injury and/or property damage resulting from participation in the parade. I specifically release and discharge in advance the City of Gaffney from any and all liability. As the applicant, I further understand that if I, or anyone from my organization, fails to comply with all rules, unit/entry will be removed from parade immediately and will be subject to suspension from future participation.

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTN: Christmas Parade Entries



If your entry has a motorized unit (car, truck, etc.), please do NOT attempt to submit your application without a copy of the unit driver's license and proof of insurance for unit. Applications will NOT be received without required documentation. License must be of person that will be operating your unit in the parade.

**DO NOT THROW or TOSS ANYTHING!** (this will result and immediate removal from parade and suspension from future participation). Please obey this – a piece of candy is not worth anyone's life.