

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING RULES & REGULATIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION. Compliance with the Boston Pride Code of Conduct and the Parade Rules & Regulations is mandatory. Any group that does not follow them will be subject to removal from the Parade. Parade participants are asked to follow instructions from Parade Staff and City of Boston Officials. Please direct all parade-related questions to parade@bostonpride.org.

BOSTON PRIDE CODE OF CONDUCT

When organizing your Parade group, please consider the diversity of the community and audience at the event. People participate in Boston Pride for many reasons: to celebrate, to make a political statement, to have fun, to showcase their business or group, to include family members, and to show support. The Boston Pride Committee respects everyone's right to express themselves as they choose. The Boston Pride Committee is not a law enforcement agency and does not participate as a law enforcement agency. The Boston Pride Committee does not endorse or encourage illegal behavior by anyone participating in or attending the event. Additionally, the Boston Pride Committee does not support any form of homophobia or attempt to censor freedom of speech or freedom of expression so long as it does not infringe on the rights of others. The Boston Pride Committee is the permit holder for this event and reserves the right to deny participation and/or registration of any group or individual who may be considered unacceptable to participate by the rules of such permit and the community. The Boston Pride Committee will abide by all Massachusetts laws governing public decency. Any individual or group who violates these laws may be removed from the event by the City of Boston.

BY SUBMITTING A PARADE APPLICATION YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Have two (2) Marshals serve as points of contact between the Parade staff and your group. Marshals are required to attend one Marshal Orientation Meeting prior to the Parade. The representatives from your organization attending the Orientation Meetings must be the same persons who will act as Marshals on the day of the Parade. If that is not the case, your organization will not be allowed to march in the Parade. Marshals must enforce the instructions provided by the Parade staff. Failure to comply with said instructions will result in the removal of your group from the Parade and possible exclusion from future Pride Parades.
2. Follow all instructions from the Parade staff. Any float, vehicle, or motorcycle, which is operated against instructions, will be removed from the Parade and may be subject to fines and exclusion from future Pride Parades.
3. Have at least two (2) volunteers from your organization who will be responsible for walking on each side of each vehicle, motorcycle group, or float to ensure the safety of all

involved and alert drivers to potential problems. Failure to provide such volunteers may result in exclusion from the Parade.

4. Have adequate insurance for your vehicles on the day of the Parade. The Boston Pride Committee and the City of Boston are not liable for any accidents or injuries that are due to motor vehicles, floats, or motorcycles. Said insurance must be present with the vehicle on the day of the Parade. All drivers of any vehicles must check in at the Parade Registration tent and show a valid driver's license to Parade staff and to law enforcement officials upon request.

5. Have no open or closed containers of alcoholic beverages. If alcoholic beverages are discovered, the vehicle and/or its associates will be removed from the Parade.

6. Make sure that objects are not thrown at spectators (including Police Officers) along the Parade route.

7. Proceed so as not to impede the orderly flow of the Parade. Groups shall not move too quickly or stop unless instructed to. Any vehicle, float, or motorcycle that experiences any mechanical difficulty must pull to the side of the road to allow others to proceed.

8. Enter and exit the Parade route as instructed by the Parade staff and the Boston Police Department.

9. Turn off all sound systems between 6:00 am and 11:30 am so as to not interfere with church ceremonies and neighbors in the area. Sound checks should be done prior to staging. If instructed, sound systems must be turned off at any time during the Parade.

10. Respect one minute of silence at 12 noon and enforce this respect within your group.

11. Refrain from collecting monetary donations along the Parade route. Failure to comply will result in the removal of your group from the Parade and possible exclusion from future Pride Parades.

12. Respect the maximum authorized vehicle sizes. Per City of Boston regulations, no vehicle in the Parade is allowed to exceed the following size limits: **8.5 feet** in width, **13.5 feet** in height (includes the standees on the float), and 30 feet in length. In addition, only one flatbed is allowed per registered vehicle: combinations of trailers, or flatbeds and trailers will not be allowed. See all vehicle rules and regulations at www.bostonpride.org/parade-vehicles

CONTRACT TERMS

1. "Right to Refuse:" Boston Pride reserves the right to refuse any application. Receipt of your application and payment does not imply acceptance of your application. Acceptance in the Parade line-up will be expressly notified by the Boston Pride Committee by email or



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postal mail once your application and full payment have been received, reviewed and accepted.

2. "Right to Dismiss:" Boston Pride reserves the right to refuse and dismiss your contingent's participation in the Parade on the day of the event if any of your vehicles does not satisfy the Parade Vehicle Inspection Criteria established by the Boston Police Department and available on the Pride website, or if your contingent is in clear violation of the Parade Rules and Regulations.

3. "Day-Of Fee:" Boston Pride reserves the right to charge you a fee on the day of the Parade if your contingent is different from what you have specified in this application (different number/type of vehicle etc...). This fee is established based on the fee schedule at the date of your first payment.

4. "No Refunds:" All fees paid are non-refundable.

5. "True Identity:" You are signing up for who you say you are and cannot sell your spot in the Parade. The organization's name you enter in this application must be that of the group participating in the Parade. You may not give, sell or share your spot in the Parade to any other group without prior written agreement from the Boston Pride Committee. If you are an advertising agency or marketing company registering for one of your clients, you must indicate so. If you plan on displaying advertisers' logos and/or any other such visual displays other than those representing your organization, you must receive prior written approval by the Boston Pride Committee.

6. "Single Banner Rule:" This registration is valid for your group and your group only. You may not have signs, banners or any other display in your contingent representing or advertising for entities other than your own group as registered in this application.

7. "Finality of Decisions:" All decisions made by the Boston Pride Committee are final.