

**2021 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce
FOURTH of JULY PARADE ENTRY FORM**

This is the sixth year that the Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual 4th of July Parade. We have a fabulous group of people who will be organizing and overseeing the festivities and are happy that you are considering being a part of the days celebration.

This year's parade will begin at 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 4th from the intersection of Main, Military, Station and Willard Streets. Veterans groups will form on Main St. between Burleigh and Willard Streets. The parade will proceed down Main St. through Market Square, south on Kendall and then back up Military St. to the starting point.

1. It is strongly recommended that all participants pre-register to be in the parade! This is to ensure that everything goes smoothly for the organizers. If you should forget to pre-register you may call the Chamber until the 3rd of July and we will make sure you have a spot.

2. All commercial entries must be decorated. (Vehicles towing a float are exempt from this rule). Please remember that the viewing public want and deserve to see decorations on the 4th. While the committee is sure that your fleet is beautiful, it can be seen every day in an undecorated state. Please give the public something to look at that is extraordinary!

3. All entries must carry a valid Maine inspection sticker (if required by law and legal to be operated on a public way. All vehicles must be driven by a person with a valid drivers license and be at least 18 years of age. Large farm tractors must have a walker by each wheel. (ATVs are exempt from this rule. See last rule)

4. Each motorized vehicle shall carry liability insurance in compliance with Maine law. Proof of insurance is required.

5. Throwing items such as candy into the street or crowd is prohibited! Sure it's fun. The kids love it, but do you want to be responsible for the child who runs out to snatch a piece of candy from under the wheel of the truck behind you? Parents don't always watch their children. This is a safety issue and is forbidden.

6. All participants must be at the start site by 11:00. There will be security at the side roads and cutting in line will not be allowed.

7. The greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to accept or decline an entry.

8. No participant may jump on a moving float to ride and must not interfere with any other unit in any way. No participants will dismount from a moving float during the parade route. This is an extreme safety hazard.

9. Entrants wearing costumes that cover the face must be accompanied by a walker. (Costumes with masks usually obscure the vision of the wearer.)

10. The only flags allowed in this parade are the American and Armed forces flags. No political or confederate flags will be displayed.

11. MOTORIZED VEHICLES MAY NOT BE OPERATED IN THE PARADE BY ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16. This includes but is not limited to:

4 Wheelers

Lawn mowers

Miniature cars and trucks

Motorized scooters

Tractors

Due to new insurance rules this will be strictly enforced.