



### Rules & Regulations

Downtown Dazzle organizers prioritize the safety of parade participants and spectators. Therefore, all entries must adhere to these rules and float specifications.

- No entry may feature a “live” Santa Claus. Santa will arrive on his own float at the parade's end and has already communicated that he and Mrs. Claus are attending!
- WALKERS—Each float allows two adult walkers, one for each side of the float, to drop candy. Entries will travel up to one mile along wet and icy streets. (**Candy is optional, but not to be thrown directly from the floats for safety reasons (dark and slippery)**)
- All parade participants must behave responsibly. No alcohol or drugs will be tolerated. The parade sponsors reserve the right to expel any float at any time.
- Vehicles may not use their headlights during the parade. All floats/units must be fully lit – the more holiday lights, the better! All entries must be clearly distinguishable and visually pleasing. (There will be a *brief* distance at the beginning of the parade where headlights will be used – to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW)
- Music should be an integral part of your float. A portable sound system with hand-held microphones for singers and choral groups is recommended but not required. Be sure your system is powerful enough to be heard above the crowd noise and the electrical generators.
- Generators used as a power source must be large enough to provide adequate power to supply the electrical needs of your float. All entries using a generator should muffle the noise. A three-sided box over the generator works well if you allow airflow. A fuel refill should be available on the float or in the tow vehicle and an approved container with a manufacturer’s stamp of approval. A funnel is also recommended.
- Company logos should not be the main theme of the float. However, the sponsor’s name should be prominently displayed on the float. Signs should be well-lit and placed high on the float or towing vehicle so that judges and viewers can easily identify them.
- Parade entries and float sponsors shall be responsible for their floats' safe construction and operation.

- Floats should be constructed to withstand winds and wet weather. Crepe paper, tissue paper, and other paper products should be avoided. All objects should be firmly attached to withstand high winds.
- **RECOMMENDED**: Every float should have a TYPE 2ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER approved for liquid fuels available on the float.
- All entries will be viewed in the staging area to determine whether they comply with the outlined rules and regulations. Entries not meeting Parade standards may be asked to withdraw from the lineup.
- Obey all Minnesota traffic laws when traveling to and from the staging and de-staging area. As a safety precaution, it is recommended that floats be partially lit.
- Entries must be in place by 4:45 p.m. Floats will not be allowed in the staging area before 3:30 p.m.
- Access into the staging area is restricted to floats only. Float participants should meet up with their float before entering the staging area.
- Entry fee must be paid before November 22<sup>nd</sup> to be considered a participant in the parade.

**Downtown Dazzle Lighted Parade 2024 Downtown, Saturday, December 7th, 2024**

Begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. (parade line-up starts at 3:30 p.m. Edison School District Parking Lot)

**REGISTRATION FORM (FEE TO PARTICIPATE: \$200 PER ENTRY, \$50 FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS)**

Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry: Float \_\_\_\_\_, Band/Musical Group \_\_\_\_\_, Type of Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_,

Will you have two walkers; Circle Yes or No, Do you plan to have a portable sound system; Circle Yes or No.

Theme/Description of your entry:

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, November 22nd, 2024**

Mail, drop off, or email registration with payment to Brad Trahan, 2570 Colleen Lane NE, Rochester, MN. 55906

Cash, Check (Payable to RDA/DD)

Phone: Brad Trahan, Event Organizer, 507-254-8901, E-mail: [downtowndazzlerch@gmail.com](mailto:downtowndazzlerch@gmail.com)