



## GUIDELINES

# McDonald's Magic City Classic Parade

October 26, 2024

**In order for this parade to be successful all participants are required to adhere to the following guidelines:**

1. All parade participants must be at their designated line-up areas by **6:30 am** to be lined up by the **Parade Marshals**.
2. **Parade participants vehicle** parking is in the vacant lot on the corner of Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd., and 11<sup>th</sup> Street North. Please do not enter from Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd. enter from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. No one should enter this lot without a parade permit, please take your parade permit with you. Only participants with a parade permit will be allowed to enter blocked intersections.
3. **Parade Vehicles** all vehicles that are in the parade will proceed to your specified line-up sections indicated on the parade permit enclosed.
4. **Parade Permits (ORIGINAL)** should be displayed on the driver's side of the front windshield. Walking and marching units should have their parade permit on their person. – **NO EXCEPTIONS!** A parade permit is required for every unit, and this will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED!**
  - a. **Parade Permits** CANNOT be duplicated or transferred. The entity on the permit MUST be the one participating in the parade.
5. **The parade is a family event** – no vulgar or offensive language or signs will be tolerated.
6. **Buses for marching bands** – All buses will line up on 14<sup>th</sup> Street North entering from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North (One way heading North). Please follow the marshals' instructions.
7. **The McDonald's Magic City Classic Parade will start promptly at 8:00 am.**
8. **CANDY OR OTHER FAVORS can be handed** out by the parade participants. We ask that you walk along the side to hand out any items.
9. **NO THROWING of any items.** These practices can result in injuries to children scrambling for candy or falling under moving vehicles. Violators of this request will be removed from the parade and barred from future Magic City Classic Parades. **Remember that candy/prize throwing/handing creates a safety hazard for our children!**
10. All cars and floats should be **fully decorated** with display signs on both sides stating the name of the organization, etc.
11. **The Birmingham Police Department** will patrol all areas of the parade.

12. **Parade Marshals** – are assigned to each section to ensure that these instructions are followed. **All participants MUST follow the orders of the Parade Marshals!!!**
13. The 2024 parade route is published on our website and enclosed in your packet.
14. **KEEP MOVING!** No stoppages are allowed in the parade. If your unit violates this rule, you will be removed from the parade immediately.
15. **Disbanding** – The parade ends at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> street and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Please QUIT playing/dancing at this point and continue to walk straight back into the staging area so you do not create a stoppage in the parade. If your group needs to gather and situate prior to exiting the staging area, please do so on one of the side street areas, NOT on 16<sup>th</sup> street.  
If you are a motorized unit, you will need to take a left on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (at the end of the parade). At this point, you have officially completed the parade. If you need to adjust anything on your vehicle for transport, you will need to do so at an area OUTSIDE of the parade route and staging area.

**NOTE: ALL MARCHING BANDS MUST CEASE PLAYING FROM THIS POINT. PROCEED PROMPTLY TO YOUR BUSES AND LOAD UP!!!!**

**ANY VIOLATOR OF THE ESTABLISHED RULES AND GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEXT YEAR'S EVENT.**

Have a great time and enjoy yourself, but most of all be safe and courteous to each other!

**Participating in the parade means acceptance of all these guidelines. Any violation to the guidelines or marshals' directions on parade day will result in immediate removal from the parade. No refunds will be given in the event a unit breaks a parade policy or neglects to follow any instructions given by parade marshals.**