



## Ocean Springs Fire Department

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### Parade Float Fire Safety Requirements

Code Reference International Fire Code 2018.

All floats shall be equipped with a minimum of one 2A:10BC 5lbs fire extinguisher per rider level.

Requirements include but are not limited to the following:

1. **Fire Extinguishers** (Sec 906) Fire extinguishers must be certified by an approved fire extinguisher contractor within the past 12 months or a new extinguisher with a current store receipt attached. The gauge must indicate the extinguisher has adequate pressure.
2. Fire extinguishers shall be mounted in a bracket off the floor of the float, max height 5ft.
3. Extinguisher shall not be covered, obstructed, or used to hang or stage Mardi Gras "throws" or other items.
4. At least One (1) Extinguisher will be mounted at the rear of the float near the main exit Clearly Visible from the street.
5. **Generators** (Sec 313) Any portable generator used must be securely mounted and have appropriate exhaust. No flammable decorations may be placed near the generator.
6. Gasoline containers shall be kept in the bed of the towing vehicle. If enclosed, the fuel container may be stored on the float in an approved location by the fire marshal.
7. **Fireworks pyrotechnics** (Sec 5601.1.3), flammable liquids or gases, open flame, or other hazards are prohibited. (Excluding fuel for generators in an approved location)
8. **Smoking** (Sec 310) Smoking is prohibited near generators and fuel containers.
9. A No Smoking Sign, clearly legible, shall be securely attached and visible near the generator and any area used to store fuel.
10. Decorative materials should be non-combustible or inherently flame retardant.
11. **Electrical System** (Sec 604) All electrical systems used during the parade shall be in good condition and in complete legal working order. No bare wires or exposed electric connections are permitted.
12. Any unsafe or troublesome conditions along the parade route should be brought to the attention of a parade official immediately.
13. Be prepared! Identify potential hazards and plan your strategy should an unexpected event occur. Know the locations of the fire extinguishers and how to shut off your generator and other electrical equipment. Develop a method to alert the operator to stop the parade float.

**An Inspection shall take place prior to the start of the parade in an approved area. Failure of any unit to comply with the above requirements may result in expulsion from the parade. Sec. 107**