



# City of Prattville's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Parade

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**



## **Parade Information & Rules**

***DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JANUARY 15***

Dear Prospective Parade Participants:

The 2016 Prattville Mardi Gras Parade will be held on Saturday, January 23, at 2pm.

Your order in the parade will be determined by your arrival time at the Courthouse the day of the event. There will be a few reserved spots at the front of the parade for the Grand Marshal and those of elected officials.

**The parade route is as follows:** The parade will begin at the Autauga County Courthouse and follow the same route as the Christmas Parade. We will follow 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Washington. After a left on Washington the parade will turn right onto Wetumpka Street and then right on Northington. It will follow Northington to Main and take a right and go through Downtown Prattville back around to the Courthouse.

If your organization, church, school, or business would like to participate in the Mardi Gras Parade, please complete the attached registration form. Entries require a **\$25.00** fee.

Make checks payable to: The City of Prattville and mail the registration form with your entry fee to:

Mardi Gras Parade  
City of Prattville  
101 West Main Street  
Prattville, AL 36067

The deadline for entries is **January 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Prattville's Special Events office at **334/595-0851** between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, or you can find information at [www.prattvilleal.gov](http://www.prattvilleal.gov).

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## *Mardi Gras Parade Rules and Safety Checklist*

(These items **MUST** be adhered to **PRIOR** to Entry on the Parade Route)

**ALL ENTRIES WILL CARRY THE PARADE THEME, DECORATED IN GOOD TASTE.** The parade committee reserves the right to ask that items deemed offensive be removed from the float and/or parade participants. If the request isn't granted, the committee has the right to remove the entry from the parade line up.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE PRE-REGISTERED** and paid the entry fee to participate in the parade.

**SAFETY** shall be the number **ONE** priority for all entries:

Candy and beads are to be tossed underhanded **TO** the spectators, not **AT** the spectators.

Children participating in the parade must be supervised by a sufficient number of adults.

Floats/flatbed entries **MUST** have at least one adult designated walker per side to ensure no one darts into the parade traffic.

Drivers of any float/flatbed should be an adult complying with any state laws applicable to the particular type of vehicle.

Drivers should drive only and should not throw candy, beads, or other items.

Drivers should keep pace with the vehicle in front of him—no more than 3-4 seconds between floats

Walking groups must be active (singing, baton twirling, juggling or dancing).

### **FLOATS:**

Cannot exceed 14 feet in height.

Cannot have more than one foot of decorations beyond the float base.

Should have working tail lights.

Cannot have any sharp edges.

Cannot have any excessive smoke.

Must be secure to protect against participants tripping or any object falling off the float into the spectators.

Cannot have participants on a Flatbed/Truck their backs to the edges (unless the sides are walled), standing (unless side are walled to waist height), or sitting on roof.

### **PARADE PARTICIPANTS:**

Cannot have a loaded firearm at any time.

Cannot have bullhorns.

Cannot get on or off a float once it has started down the parade route.

***Cannot hand out flyers or pamphlets.***

Cannot smoke or have alcoholic beverages on the floats any time before or during the parade.

**LIVE ANIMALS:** If you plan to have live animals as part of your parade entry, please contact Kellie Cook at 334/595-0801 for approval. ***No stunts are allowed on the parade route.***

**MOTORCYCLE CLUBS:** ***No stunts are allowed along the parade route.***

**Only those entries approved will be allowed to participate.**