

**Newport Homecoming Parade application**  
**Theme: USA 250!**  
**Parade Date: Feb 14, 2026**

Type of Entry (Float, Vehicle, Walking Group, etc.):

Floats (*check one*):       Under 25 Feet       Over 25 Feet

Organization Name:

Contact Name:

Phone: E-mail:

Address:

**Note:** There must be an adult walking on each side of a float or vehicle carrying children. No candy or other article may be thrown from floats or vehicles. The parade begins at 10:00 am. Assemble at ***ELM Street, near Newport Health Center, beginning*** at 8:30 am. (***Please read the enclosed instructions from the Town of Newport carefully.*** Please complete and return this application to the Newport Rec Center at: [pjlovely@newportnh.gov](mailto:pjlovely@newportnh.gov)

***Please return this form no later than Friday, February 13, 2026.***

## Town of Newport Parade Rules

1. The parade will start at 10:00 am, lineup will be at 8:30 am. Float judging will begin at 9:15 am.
2. The parade route will be from Newport Health Center to Newport High School (end).
  - a. Staff will direct you to your lineup positions.
  - b. When the parade starts, please keep up with parade traffic.
3. Vehicles not actually in the parade, but transporting parade participants, shall be parked in a legal parking spot, not blocking anyone's driveway. (Again, **please do not use** Dollar General's parking area). Suggested areas:
  - a. Sugar River Plaza
  - b. Rear of Sugar River Plaza
  - c. Newport Middle High School
4. Parade organizers will design and organize the actual lineup of parade units.
5. No parade unit shall exit the Newport Middle High School until all parade units are off the parade routes. (Fire trucks and ambulances may use Goodrich Oil for easier egress if necessary.
6. No person shall throw candy or any other items from a float, or onto any part of a roadway, including parking areas or breakdown lanes. Floats will not stop to hand out candy once the parade has started.
7. The police officer in charge and/or parade organizer has the authority to not allow any unit to participate in the parade if they deem it to be unsafe in any way.
8. Parade participants shall follow the exact parade route, as directed, unless directed otherwise by a Newport Police Officer.
9. Parade participants shall not block or direct traffic in any way unless directed to do so by a Newport police officer or if there is a life-threatening situation (i.e., someone falls off a float)
10. The police officer in charge has the authority to cancel (postpone) the parade at any time due to unforeseen problems (by NH Law).
11. Parade organizers may erect signs prior to the parade informing the public of the parade, partial road closures, or to use alternate routes other than downtown between certain hours. All signs must be removed after the parade.
12. The police department will be in charge of all traffic, and traffic routes may be blocked or delayed with no prior warning prior to, during, and after the parade. This will be done to allow the greatest safety of the parade participants and the public who may be watching.

***In most instances, the parade will be held as scheduled. However, in the event there is significantly inclement weather the morning of the parade, and you have a question as to whether the parade will be held or postponed, please call PJ Lovely 603-477-9332.***

# **TITLE XXI**

## **MOTOR VEHICLES**

### **CHAPTER 265**

#### **RULES OF THE ROAD**

#### **Special Rules**

##### **Section 265:108-a**

###### **265:108-a Parade Vehicles. –**

I. No person may operate a vehicle in a parade unless the following safety precautions are taken:

(a) No person may use any type of vehicle with protruding or outrigger wheels in a parade unless the vehicle is suitably modified to protect both riders and pedestrians from the wheel assembly.

(b) At least one adult, other than the driver, shall supervise children riding on a vehicle in a parade and have a reasonable means of immediate communication with the driver. The number of adults supervising the children shall not be less than one adult per every 4 children and sufficient to ensure that each child is visible to a supervising adult.

(c) Children riding on a vehicle in a parade shall remain entirely within the perimeter of the vehicle and, if standing, shall be reasonably protected from probable injury if the vehicle suddenly starts or stops.

II. Any person operating a vehicle without following all of the safety precautions listed in paragraph I shall be guilty of a violation, and shall be subject to the following fines:

(a) \$50 for a first offense.

(b) \$100 for a second or subsequent offense.

**Source.** 2007, 378:1, eff. Sept. 16, 2007.