



**2026 LA VERNE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE LIABILITY WAIVER
(Including General Release and Covenant-Not-to-Sue)**

Please read this entire document. Return the signed and completed form(s) by June 18, 2026 to participate in the parade.

IN CONSIDERATION of being granted a position as an entrant and/or permission to participate in the La Verne July 4th Parade, or on behalf of a minor child, the undersigned agrees and states as follows:

1. The undersigned is aware of and understands the inherent risks, hazards and dangers associated with parade participation (which are printed below and incorporated herein as though appearing above the signature of the undersigned) and, notwithstanding that the actual conditions at the Parade may pose more or less risks, hazards and dangers than those so enumerated, the undersigned nevertheless elects, voluntarily, to enter and/or participate in the Parade on the terms, conditions, and covenants set forth herein. In this regard, the undersigned, for himself/herself/itself and for his/her heirs, successors, assignees, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby forever releases, waives, discharges, covenants not to sue and agrees to hold harmless the City of La Verne, as well as its officers, agents, sponsors, volunteers, and employees, from all liability for any and all causes and claims of every type and nature whatsoever in law or equity, including but not limited to negligence, property damage, injury to person and/or death, or otherwise, without limitation, arising out of or alleged to be arising out of or resulting from, in whole or in part, the Parade, the pre-Parade formation, staging, placement, judging, organizational meetings, post-Parade, and any other Parade event sanctioned by the City of La Verne. Neither I nor my spouse (if married), will make any claim against the City of La Verne, its officers agents, representatives, employees and or parade committee volunteers for any injury, damage, or loss that I may sustain by participating in this activity. Only licensed drivers may drive vehicles in the parade. Each driver in the parade must carry current vehicle insurance, which conforms to California State Law.

2. The undersigned hereby promises that the state of his or her physical health will, on the day of the Parade, be sufficiently sound to permit such person to safely participate. The undersigned understands that he/she is responsible for monitoring his/her own condition throughout the Event to ensure that he/she is sufficiently sound to continue to safely participate in the Event. If such person will be handling any animal, float, motorized vehicle, apparatus, device, firearm, or other thing in the Parade, he/she is possessed of sufficient experience in doing so that the life, limb, or property of self and others will not be exposed to unreasonable risk of harm. If such person is the driver of a motorized vehicle or float, such person promises that he/she has a valid driver's license and has sufficient insurance on the vehicle or float.

3. The undersigned understands that there is no smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed in, on or about the Parade, and that each organization and participant will follow all public safety laws.

4. I also understand that any PHOTOS taken of me or my family members at this public event may be used for City purposes, including, but not limited to: websites, print brochures, or newspaper advertising.

5. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT-TO-SUE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS SAME, without reliance on any representations, statements, or inducements, express or implied, made by any party whomsoever.

RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH PARADE PARTICIPATION Parades involve inherent risks, hazards, and conditions that may be dangerous to life, limb, and property and that can arise in an incalculable variety of unforeseeable or foreseeable ways which may include (as examples, but not necessarily as a complete list) the following: The presence and use of horses and other animals, motor vehicles, machinery, firearms, floats, fireworks, acrobats, projectiles, aerial demonstrations, baton twirling, wind, rain, hail, and other forces of the elements, and other threats to life and limb, such as the possibility of slipping and falling and complications associated with weather conditions and physical exertion (such as heat stroke, fainting, collapse, exhaustion, or other more serious complications).

2026 Fourth of July Parade Rules and Regulations Acknowledgements

Please review each statement below and initial to acknowledge your understanding:

- There will be **mandatory** safety meetings held on June 25th at 5pm and June 30th at 9am at the City Hall Council Chambers. Each entry is required to designate 1 person per every 20 participants to attend the mandatory safety meeting and receive instructions from the La Verne Police Department to ensure the entire group adheres to ALL safety rules. **No exceptions.**
- For the safety of the spectators and the parade participants, it is not permissible to distribute bottled water or large bulky items. Participants may **NOT** hand out or throw candy from any vehicles/floats/golf carts, etc. Participants may **NOT** throw any items at any time during the parade.
- All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Helmets and safety gear are required for everyone riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, and motorcycles.
- Do not invite spectators to approach any vehicles/floats/golf carts/parade entry during the parade.
- No one shall jump on or off the vehicles/floats/golf carts/parade entry at any time during the parade. No one shall hang on to the float while walking/biking/skateboarding/skating. No items such as water shall be passed on or off of the vehicles/floats/golf carts/parade entry.
- No water guns or water balloons are permitted.
- There can be no gaps in the parade. If you are walking the full 2.25 miles of the parade and can't keep the pace, you will be asked to exit the parade route.
- The weather is typically very warm. Please be prepared for the heat by staying hydrated and using sunscreen. If you are bringing a pet, it must be on a leash. It is not recommended dogs walk the 2.25 mile parade route on hot asphalt.

Once your entry has located the assigned line up number, the vehicle/golfcart/float/entry shall park and not move again until the parade begins. Do not block the street and gather people on the sidewalk or remain in the vehicles/floats.

All entries shall be in place and ready to begin no later than 9:40am.

Each entry will be expected to adhere to directions by parade officials and volunteers and the La Verne Police Department

The rules and regulations are in place to ensure the safety of not only the participants of the parade, but also all attendees. Any violation of the rules can and will result in discipline up to and including exclusion from future parade events. In order to be equitable, fair, and transparent, the Friends of the 4th of July Committee has developed a disciplinary process to address violations of the rules for parade participation as follows:

1st Offense: Written warning from Friends of the 4th of July Committee.

2nd Offense: The group/organization will not be allowed to enter any floats in the following year's parade, but may walk in the parade.

3rd Offense: The group/organization will not be allowed to participate in the 4th of July parade for a period of *at least* one year.

If the actions taken by any particular group/organization is particularly egregious (ex: causes bodily harm or damage to property), the Friends of the 4th of July Committee reserves the right to immediately revoke the group/organization's privilege to participate in the 4th of July parade in any capacity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have read and understood and freely executed this waiver and release on the date following my signature below.

X

Signature of Participant or Guardian

Date:

Name Printed:

Address:

Entry Name:

Email Address:

Cell Phone:

If there is a vehicle being driven in the parade, please fill out the following:

Name of Driver:

Driver's License #:

Insurance Company and Policy of Driver:

Registration/License Plate: