

VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS PARADE PARTICIPATION POLICY

The Village of Vernon Hills 4th of July Parade (the “Parade”) is intended to be a fun, family-oriented celebration in a non-political atmosphere which bolsters community togetherness and fellowship and celebrates our Nation’s independence. The Parade is not to be used as a platform for individuals or groups to incite, disrupt, create division, or air grievances. Accordingly, while the Village respects and embraces America’s diversity, our policy dictates that no person, group of persons or association shall be allowed to participate in the Parade for the purpose of conveying any message of protest, intolerance, or hate. All such messages, whether conveyed through signs, banners, symbols and icons, attire, announcements, promotional materials or other means, are prohibited. Messages deemed to be inappropriate and inconsistent with community values given the nature of the event are also prohibited.

Every Applicant seeking to participate in the Parade must submit an application. Parade participation slots are limited.

The Assistant Village Manager, or designee, shall be responsible for either granting or denying all applications. The Assistant Village Manager or designee, shall notify the Applicant of his or her decision to either grant or deny the application, no later than five (5) days prior to the date of the Parade. The Assistant Village Manager or designee, reserves the right to deny, revoke, or to evict, any Parade entry that is not consistent with the requirements of this Policy, the Village’s Guidelines for Participants and other Village regulations, and/or that is not in the best interest of the Parade. This decision will be final.

Elected officials and candidates for political office may participate in the Parade in their capacities as dignitaries or candidates, but may not espouse, through signs or otherwise, their political beliefs.

LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM: The Village, by sponsoring the Parade, and allowing the participation in the Parade of various persons and groups, is not creating a public forum for public discourse, political protest or free expression, but is instead creating a limited public forum for the sole purpose of celebrating our Nation’s independence in a fun, family and community-oriented, non-political atmosphere.