



Independence Day Parade Guidelines Dignitaries/Political Candidates

Dignitaries:

- Dignitaries are defined as individuals who currently hold an elected position in a public office or represent the citizens of Tumwater through leadership positions. This may include Mayors, Commissioners, Local/State/Federal officials and the Chamber of Commerce President.
- **The City of Tumwater provides escort vehicles for Mayors, the representative from the 10th Congressional District, and one vehicle for the Thurston County Commissioners.** Dignitaries wishing to include additional people as a part of their entry must notify the Tumwater Parks and Recreation Department well in advance of the parade. Accommodations for requests are dependent on the type of vehicle being provided.
- The City provides signs for each dignitary that state the name and current official position of the dignitary. Signs provided by the City must be returned immediately after the parade.
- For elected officials participating in the dignitary section of the parade, there will be no campaigning or promotion for re-election efforts. Dignitaries are being recognized in the Tumwater Parade for the work they have done and the positions they currently hold. Signs that state, "Elect", "Re-Elect", "Vote For", etc. will not be allowed.

Political Candidates:

- Political candidates may enter the parade.
- Each entry will be allowed one vehicle which may have as many passengers as can safely be accommodated. A vehicle with a decorated trailer will be allowed as long as they are attached.
- There will be no walking, stopping or distribution of literature by the candidate or constituents.
- These rules apply regardless of whether the candidate is present.