



# Town of Carthage Christmas Parade

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Is there an application to be in the parade?

**A:** Yes! There is an application that must be completed and returned to the Parade Coordinator at the Town Hall.

**Q:** Is there a fee to be in the parade?

**A:** Yes, but only for commercial displays. Businesses that wish to display a commercial business sign must pay a \$50 registration fee. That fee allows up to two vehicles. Any more than those two vehicles will be \$15 each. Any other participants are NOT required to pay a fee.

**Q:** How can I find the application and where do I turn it in?

**A:** Applications can be found at the Town Hall, online at [www.townofcarthage.org](http://www.townofcarthage.org) on the Christmas Parade page. An application can also be emailed or sent by postal service if you call the Town Hall at 910-947-2331 and request one. Completed applications can be turned into the Town Hall or emailed to the Parade Coordinator at [townclerk@townofcarthage.org](mailto:townclerk@townofcarthage.org). Applications must be received no later than 12 noon, the day before the parade.

**Q:** How do I pay the Commercial Business application fee?

**A:** Payment for the application fee for commercial businesses can be made in person at the Town Hall using cash, check, credit/debit card, or money order. It may also be mailed by postal service using a check or money order. We will also accept a credit/debit card over the phone as payment. There is also a section on the application itself for credit card information. All credit/debit card information will be shredded for your financial security once payment has been completed. **\*\*\*NOTE: There will be a 3.25% or \$3 minimum charge for all credit/debit cards whether in person or not.**

**Q:** Is there a limit on participants in the parade?

**A:** Yes. For safety reasons, the parade is limited to the first 100 vehicles/floats/groups that apply.

**Q:** How will I know if my application is accepted?

**A:** All applications not accepted or over the deadline will be contacted by phone at the number listed on the application to notify the participant of the decision. If you do not receive a call, you have been accepted.

Q: Can I ride my go-cart in the parade?

A: Yes. However, if we find there is a safety concern, (careless or reckless activity, speeding, gunning/revving engines, wheelies, etc.) you will be removed from the parade immediately.

Q: Do I have to decorate my vehicle/float for the parade?

A: Yes. All entries **MUST** be decorated for Christmas.

Q: Does the Town clean up after the parade?

A: All participants are responsible for cleaning up any mess or debris left from their float, vehicle, or animals.

Q: Does the Town provide candy for throwing out during the parade?

A: No. If you or your group wish to throw candy, you must provide your own candy for distribution.

Q: Will I be assigned a space number for the parade?

A: No. Individual space numbers will not be assigned. If you have more than one vehicle or group that wishes to be together in line, **you MUST arrive at the same time.**

Q: Where do I go to get in line for the parade?

A: We will line up at the Carriage Oaks Office Park located across the street from Food Lion Shopping Center. More detailed information regarding line-up procedures will be sent via email closer to the parade date.

Q: What time do I need to arrive?

A: Parade participants can begin arriving as early as 4:30 pm. All parade participants **MUST be in the staging area no later than 5:45 pm.** All roads will be closed at 5:50 pm and no one will be allowed in after that time.