

CELEBRATING MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

# VIVA *México*

A PARADE CELEBRATION OF FLOATS, MUSIC, AND TRADITION

SEPTEMBER 12TH | 1PM



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## PARADE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

*All completed applications will undergo a review process for approval. The parade committee will review the application for completeness and ensure the entry aligns with the purpose and values of the parade and community. In addition, uniqueness and entertainment value will be considered. All accepted entries will be notified by email within two weeks of the received date. Applications must be received by August 25 to be considered. Checks should be sent after the application is approved.*

### Parade Participant Registration (select one)

- General Parade Entry \$250
- Business in the Special Service Area (See map) Parade Entry \$100
- 501(c)(3) Non-Profits - \$100

### Description of Entry

***Must provide total feet needed at line-up (max 50')***

***Themes are encouraged for floats representing Mexican Culture.***

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### Will music be played from your float/entry?

- Yes
- No

### Organization Information

Business/ Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REQUIRED:** Please provide a brief (1-2 sentences) description of your group that may be used by the announcers.

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## **Payment Information**

Once approved, checks should be made payable to Joliet City Center Partnership. Credit card payments are accepted via PayPal for an additional 3.6% fee (applicant must request an invoice).

## **Deadlines & Approval**

Parade applications are due by August 25, 2026.

Payment is due by September 1.

Registrations may be denied if the parade is full.

See Parade Line-Up Information & Guidelines for additional information.

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## Parade Line-up Information and Guidelines

*Please make sure to share this information with everyone in the entry.*

- Parade is limited to 50 entries.
- Parade lineup begins at 11:00 a.m. on September 12, 2026. Line-up is located at Colombia and Collins Streets. All entries should check in by 11:45 a.m.
- Maximum of 5 vehicles for car/vehicle club entries.
- Entries must not exceed 50 feet in length.
- Each entry will receive an email prior to the parade with an assigned number and map of line-up. Your assigned number must be displayed in the passenger side window.
- All floats with children must have at least 2 adults riding on the float for the duration of the event.
- All entries must be pre-registered with a complete application form and designated fees paid.
- Music used on an entry is strongly encouraged and should be stated on the application. Volume must be adjustable, and music must be appropriate for all ages.
- A fire extinguisher is required on each float in case of emergency.
- **No candy or materials may be thrown from parade floats or moving vehicles to spectators along the parade route.** Walkers should be located on both sides of the floats passing out candy, coupons, or other items.
- Parade participants should not jump on or off moving vehicles during the parade.
- No alcohol is permitted.
- Make sure all decorations on your float are properly secured. Keep extension cords away from wheels.
- Animals in the parade must be stated in the application. All animals must have updated vaccinations and be able to cope with crowds and other animals. Animals must be controlled and always leashed.
- Each horse entry must include a designated contact person responsible for cleanup on the day of the event. No horses will be permitted unless a confirmed cleanup contact is provided. Please refer to the guidelines for full requirements and details.
- Firearms and toy guns are not allowed except for those used by the Color Guard.
- The parade organizers may cancel the parade due to inclement or life-threatening weather.
- Parade fees must be paid by August 25, 2026, or the entry will be removed from the parade. Parade fees will not be refunded for any reason.

For questions, please contact Emmanuel Lopez

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## Parade Line-up Information and Guidelines

Thank you for participating in the 2026 Mexican Independence Day Parade.

### Event Details

The parade will take place on Saturday, September 12.

Line-up will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with step-off at 1:00 p.m.

### Line-Up Location & Parking

Line-up parking for vehicles not participating in the parade will be at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, located at 205 E. Jackson St.

Drop-offs will also be at the church, as the line-up area is within walking distance. No non-parade vehicles will be allowed into the line-up area. If you are dropping off children, you must park at the church and walk them to the line-up area.

### Line-Up Materials

A parade packet has been attached, which includes:

- Alphabetical line-up listing
- Map of your assigned line-up location
- Number packet

Please print your assigned line-up number and place it in the windshield of all parade vehicles.

### Entry Requirements

- Entries must not exceed 50 feet in length
- All floats with children must have at least 2 adults on board for the duration of the event
- All entries must be pre-registered with a completed application and all required fees paid
- Music must have volume control and be appropriate for all ages
- No candy or materials may be thrown from floats or moving vehicles. Walkers must distribute items from both sides of the float

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## Safety & Conduct

- Participants must not jump on or off moving vehicles during the parade
- No alcohol is permitted. Open containers are strictly prohibited, and violations may result in exclusion from future events
- All decorations must be secured; keep extension cords away from wheels.
- Firearms and toy guns are not allowed, except those used by the Color Guard

## Animals

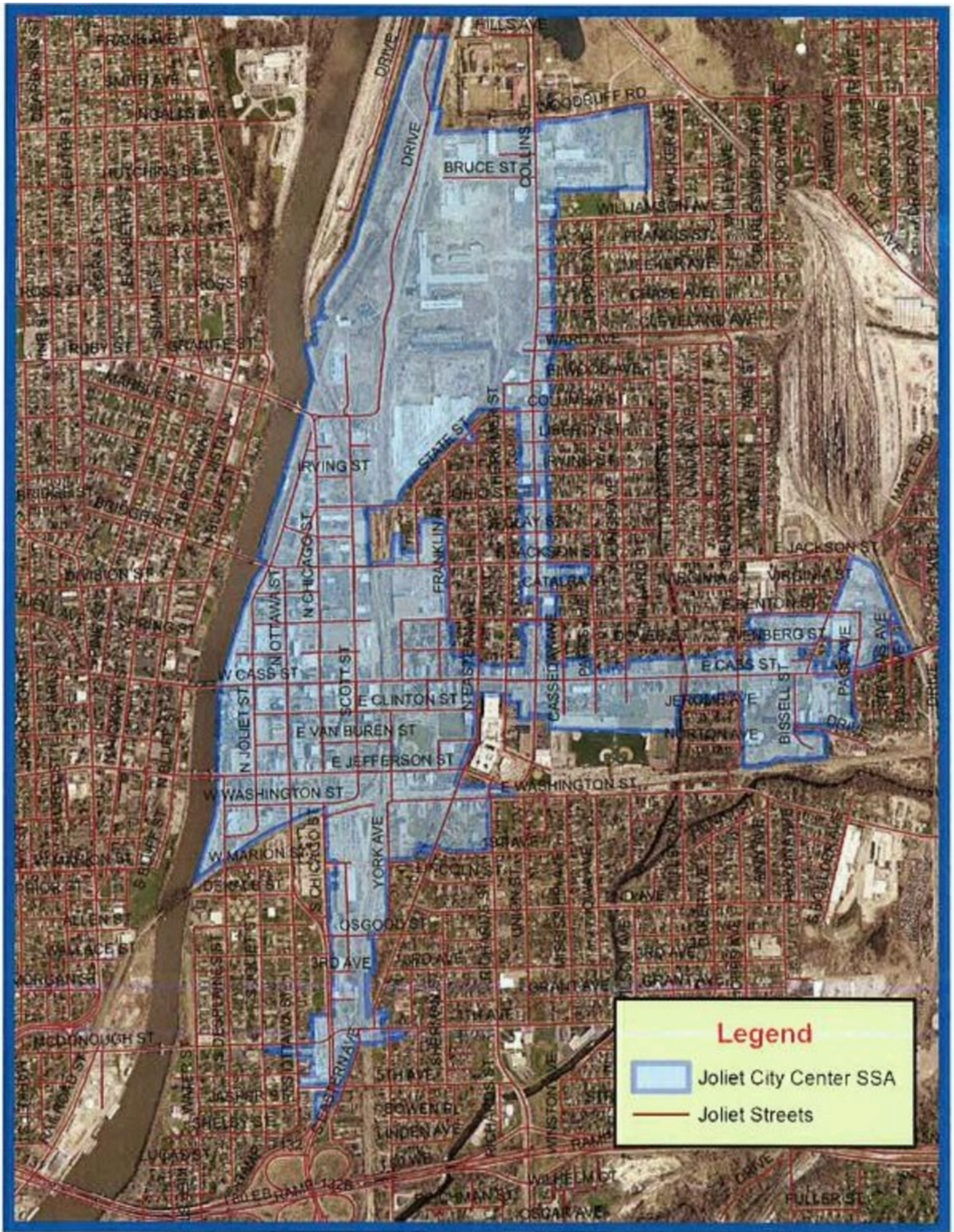
- All animals must have updated vaccinations and be able to handle crowds and other animals
- Animals must be controlled and leashed at all times
- Horse participants are responsible for cleaning up after their animals
- No horses are allowed on sidewalks

## Horses

- Maximum of 3 horses per entry
- \$25 additional fee for each extra horse
- Maximum of 5 horses total per entry
- No horses may be added or allowed on the day of the event
- Each horse entry must include a designated point of contact responsible for cleanup on the day of the event
- No horses will be permitted without a confirmed cleanup contact in place

## Weather

The parade organizers reserve the right to cancel the event due to inclement or life-threatening weather conditions.



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