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# OKLAHOMA CITY MLK COALITION

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Dear Parade Participants/Sponsors:

January 16, 2017, is the date for the 2017 King Holiday Parade. Thanks to you and the thousands of patrons who lined the streets to watch, the 2016 King Holiday Parade was a success.

We are most appreciative of your participation in past parades. This letter is our special invitation to you to be an important part of our 2017 parade. Your participation is greatly needed in order to equal and/or surpass last year's event.

Enclosed is the 2017 MLK King Holiday Parade Registration Form. All participants must register and be approved to participate in the parade. Please pay close attention to these guidelines:

**Registration Fees** – a completed registration form must be submitted by the deadline for all participants.

Each entry must display the 2017 Theme: A Time for Change Is Now.

\$45.00 Non-vendor Individual/Group Participants.

\$45.00 Car Clubs -5 Vehicle Limit \$45.00 Motor Cycle Club 10 Bike Limit

No Charge – Middle School and High School Bands and ROTC

**Each parade entry must provide at least one volunteer Parade Marshal.**

**All decorated floats must have a fire extinguisher on board.**

**Deadline for receipt of registration forms:**

Mail-in by January 2, 2017 by 5pm for the \$ 45.00 entry fee.

January 3 –5, 2017 late fee charge of \$55.

No applications will be accepted after January 6, 2017.

Please make Checks/Money Orders payable to "MLK Holiday Coalition."

**Mail registration and fees to P.O. Box 53084, OKC, OK 73152**

The traditional 9AM Silent March, representing the true spirit of the modern Civil Rights Movement, begins at the Freedom Center at NE 23<sup>rd</sup> and Martin Luther King Avenue and travels West on 23<sup>rd</sup> to the south steps of the State Capitol Building. We will host the annual Bell Ringing Ceremony on the Oklahoma Historical Society steps, and Annual King Holiday Program at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, located at 127 N.W. 7th. The Job Fair will be held at Douglas High School, located at 900 N. MLK Jr. Blvd. We have not yet selected a guest speaker for this year's event.

We invite your attendance and input at our planning meetings each Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Lennie P. Tolliver Center, located at 2001 N. Martin Luther King. We are also looking for adult volunteers to help with this year's parade. Please call William Jones at (405) 306-8440 if you have any questions or would like to help volunteer. We also invite you to visit our web site at [www.okcmlk.org](http://www.okcmlk.org). Again, thank you for your continued participation in our organization. You are vital to the overall success and purpose of the OKC King Holiday Parade.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Doyle, Chair  
MLK Holiday Coalition

Enclosures

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Parade**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017 THEME: "A Time for Change Is Now"**

**PARADE REGISTRATION**

*Deadline: January 2, 2017 – Please do not mail in after this date.*

Late registration for participants is \$55.00 January 3-5, 2017. We will not accept any applications after January 6, 2017.  
You can also register on line at our website [okcmlk.org](http://okcmlk.org). The Theme must be displayed on each parade entry.

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION!!**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parade Marshal Volunteer Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make Checks/Money Orders payable to MLK Holiday Coalition**

**All Entry Fees Are Non- Refundable**

- \$45.00 NON –VENDOR INDIVIDUAL GROUP
- \$45.00 MOTORCYCLE CLUB (10 BIKE LIMIT)
- \$45.00 CAR CLUBS (5 VEHICLE LIMIT)
- \$45.00 HORSE CLUB (10 HORSE LIMIT)
- NO FEE FOR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BAND OR ROTC

**TYPE OF ENTRY: (Check One)**

- Cars/ Limousine
- Float (overall length of float & towing vehicle): \_\_\_\_\_ feet
- Other Musical Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- Drill Team/Color Guard/Twirling Corp/Military
- Royalty/Beauty Queen/Mascot
- Equestrian Unit/Riding Club/Horse Drawn Equipment
- Marching Unit/Youth Group/Scout Group/Church Group
- All Others: Clown/Fire Truck/Car Club/Motorcycle Club
- Middle/High School Band or ROTC (Pay no fees but must register)

**DETAILED ENTRY DESCRIPTION please let us know about any other info that will help with placement.**

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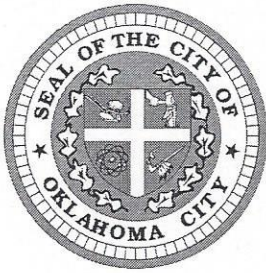
For more information, please call William Jones at (405) 306-8440 or visit our website at [okcmlk.org](http://okcmlk.org).

**Waiver of Liability:** In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, the above-named entrant intends to be legally bound, waives and releases any and all King Holiday Parade or Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Coalition sponsors, board members, staff, volunteers, and any co-sponsors or their respective representatives from any and all rights and claims for damages arising out of any accident, injuries, or illnesses suffered in this event regardless of how such may arise and even if such is caused by negligence of those parties. Furthermore, full permission is granted to any and all of the aforementioned to use names, photographs, videotapes, and any recordings of anyone participating in this event for any purposes without obligation or liability to the Coalition.

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Signature of Parade Participant/Sponsoring Organization Representative

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Date

**Mail by January 1, 2017 to:** Attn: William Jones **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Coalition**  
**Post Office Box 53084, Oklahoma City, OK 73152**  
**Phone: (405) 306-8440**



The City of  
**OKLAHOMA CITY**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

[okc.gov/specialevents](http://okc.gov/specialevents)

## Parade Guidelines

*(The following guidelines have all been approved by City Council for all parades: effective date 2/1/2014)*

Parades can create an opportunity for large groups of spectators and parade participants to heavily impact public streets and sidewalks. Because of the increased impact, some additional rules must be followed to ensure that your parade operates safely and efficiently:

- This parade rules list must be distributed to parade registrants prior to and on the day of the parade.
- A Parade Director must be selected and emergency contact information provided to the OCPD and City staff. The Parade Director will be the main point of contact for OCPD and City staff regarding the organization of the parade.
- Parade Marshals (volunteers) are required and will be responsible for monitoring: Staging areas, securing routes, barricade placement, disbanding areas, cleanup, distance between parade entries, spectator safety and pedestrian access.
- Each parade entry must provide at least one volunteer Parade Marshal.
- Parade Marshals must dress similarly and must be easily identifiable.
- Parades must be limited to 100 registrations or less, no event day registrations can be allowed.
- All decorated floats must have a fire extinguisher on board.
- Parades must be limited to 2 hours or less.
- Candy cannot be thrown during parades. It must be handed out by float participants walking the course.
- Float participants cannot mount or dismount from floats during the parade.
- Nothing other than candy can be distributed by float participants at the parade.
- A dedicated cleanup crew or Manure catchers (Bun-Bags) are required for all parade entries involving animal waste on public rights-of-way. This means that a crew must follow each of these parade entries, collecting waste as the parade occurs. Confirmation of this information must be included in your waste plan.
- All motorized vehicle drivers in the parade must have a valid driver's license.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed to perform tire burnouts during the parade.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed to fishtail, drift or spinout during the parade.
- Motorized vehicles with hydraulics must not allow their tires to leave the ground during the parade.
- No alcohol or glassware is allowed in the parade.
- It is suggested that your final parade entry include a team of volunteers that pick up waste along the parade route, along with your waste contractor.