



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

FPB POLICY  
F-08-9

FLOAT AND PARADE VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS  
California Fire Code Appendix Chapter 1  
Section 102.8FPB

*I. PURPOSE*

This policy is intended to clarify the requirements for the use of a float or parade vehicle in a public performance, presentation, spectacle, entertainment or parade.

*II. SCOPE*

This policy establishes minimum regulations for the operation of a float and parade vehicle.

*III. DEFINITIONS*

**PARADE FLOAT:** A unit especially designed or constructed for use in conjunction with a parade or public gathering.

**PARADE VEHICLE:** A self-propelled wheeled conveyance not running on rails used in conjunction with a parade or public gathering.

*IV. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS*

1. A permit is required for any parade float used in the City of San Diego. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use or engage in any activities for which a permit is required, without first having obtained such permit.
2. All decorative materials used shall be inherently fire-resistive or treated with an approved flame retardant.
3. All motorized apparatus shall be provided with a fire extinguisher with a minimum UL rating of 2-A-10BC accessible to the operator. The extinguisher must have been serviced within the last year and have a California State Fire Marshal service tag attached.

In lieu of a California State Fire Marshal service tag, a receipt listing the extinguisher, the store from which it was purchased and the date of purchase must be affixed to the extinguisher. The receipt must be dated within the last year.

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***V. DRIVER REQUIREMENTS***

1. Driver must have a valid driver's license.
2. If the driver's compartment is enclosed, driver must have at least two escape routes.
3. Driver's compartment must be properly ventilated to prevent the accumulation of exhaust fumes – carbon monoxide.

***VI. FLOAT/VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS***

1. No smoking on parade and vehicle floats.
2. No open flames will be permitted on floats or on a vehicle towing a float.
3. Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be carried on a float.
4. Exhaust pipe must be leak-free and insulated from float decorations.
5. If a gasoline-powered electrical generator is used and is located on the float (rather than on a trailer), a second 2-A-10B:C extinguisher must be located near the generator.
6. Side rails/barriers or other approved restraints are required to prevent a person from falling off a float or parade vehicle.

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**All approved and registered flame retardant chemicals are first subjected to laboratory testing and satisfactorily demonstrate their flame-retardant capabilities.**

### Flame Retardant Fabrics and Chemicals Program

In California, the Office of the State Fire Marshal staff issue certificates of registration for approved flame retardant chemicals, for those individuals and companies that apply flame retardant chemicals, for nonflammable materials, and for fabrics that have been treated with flame retardant chemicals. All approved and registered flame-retardant chemicals; nonflammable materials and treated fabrics are first subjected to laboratory testing and must satisfactorily demonstrate their flame-retardant capabilities. The SFM has the authority in drinking and dining establishments, places of public assembly and schools, to require decorative materials and fabrics (curtains, drapes, drops, hangings and tents, awnings or other fabric enclosures) be made from a nonflammable material, or treated with approved flame retardant chemicals. That authority has expanded over the years to include other decorative materials such as artificial plants, Christmas trees, and trade show display equipment.

Other SFM laws and regulations address the fire retardant qualities of fabrics for children's sleep-ware and sheets and pillowcases used in health care facilities. Many countries such as France, England and Germany have adopted programs similar to the Office of the State Fire Marshal's program.

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### IMPORTANT NEWS AND INFORMATION

- [Information Regarding AB302 Chaptered Into Law - Flame Retardant Chemicals](#)
- [New Examination Procedures for General and Limited Applicants](#)

## Application Process:

- [Fabric and Chemical Application Process](#)
- [General or Limited Application Process](#)
- [Secondary Registration for Fabrics and/or Chemicals Application Process](#)

## Applications:

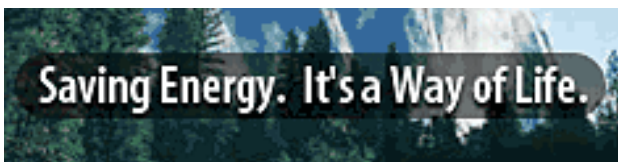
- [Application for Decorative Materials "Fabric" Registration](#)
- [Application for Decorative Materials "Chemical" Registration](#)
- [Application for General Applicator](#)
- [Application for Limited Applicator](#)

## Information:

- [Tags \(examples or printable\)](#)
- [Certs \(examples or printable\)](#)

## Regulations:

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