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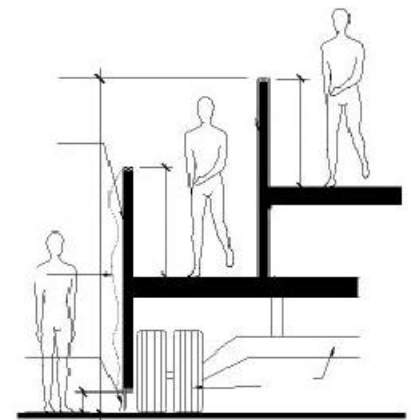
## MARDI GRAS FLOAT CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

While we wish to allow as much flexibility as possible to preserve the creativity of the organizations involved, these important points must be observed.

All floats must be designed and fabricated to comply with the official parade theme. The maximum built height can be no more than 13 feet 5 inches above the street to accommodate the lowest overpass along the route. The maximum width recommended for your float is 12 feet. Make sure the tires are parade worthy.

The winning floats usually have multiple dimensions with unique decorations and a variety of activities. Give the sides a 3rd dimension such as paper mache on lath or other similar techniques.

It is permissible to display the float title or krewe name but business names and advertisements are not allowed except for specific sponsorship agreements with Mardi Gras Inc.



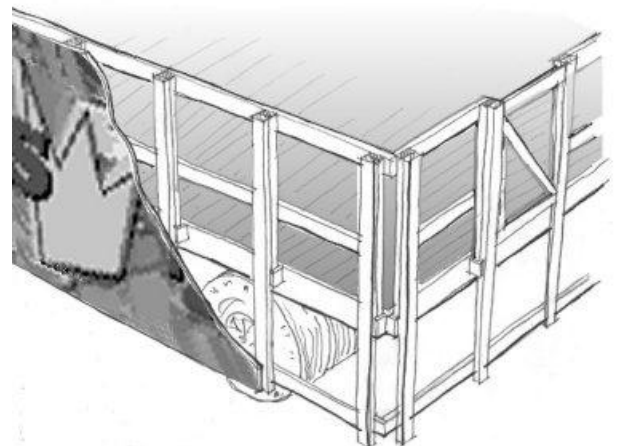
You must display your parade position number so it is visible **at street level** on the front and back of your float.

Portable toilets must be disguised and decorated.  
Each float must carry a fire extinguisher.  
Every vehicle must carry proof of insurance.

All standing and riding areas must have secure solid walls or railings with balusters with 3-inch spacing at 42" above the float platform. Soft materials ie.cloth or plastic sheets are not allowed as a railing.

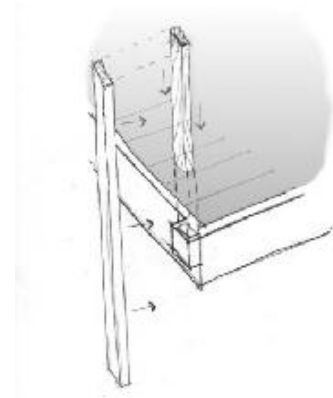
Other material is permissible for railings and walls. Please contact MGI for information or approval of alternate construction material.

If necessary, consult with professionals experienced in construction techniques to insure that the railing is secure.



Plan your build; once you build over something, it may be difficult to get access to that space. By using removable panels, you can maintain access to the trailer hitch or spare tire.

Build a sturdy floor, lumber sizes will vary according to the float design and size, however; it is better to overbuild. Treat it as if you were building a deck on wheels. The handrails must be strong: lap the 2 x 4 uprights down past the floor line.



There must be wheel walkers at each axle or tandem axel.

The tow vehicle must have good sight lines for the driver and ability to drive at slow, constant speeds, and be operable for the length of the entire route.

Please contact the parade chair at [parade@mardigrasinc.com](mailto:parade@mardigrasinc.com) for more information.