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PARADE RULES AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

General Safety Guidelines

- Each parade float (entry) shall have a designated Float Chairperson. The Float Chairperson must submit a completed Float Chairperson Letter of Acknowledgement and shall be responsible for adherence to all safety regulations during parade operation.
- Each parade participating group is responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of the public audience around them.
- All participants must follow directions from authorized parade and law enforcement officials. This includes all uniformed public safety personnel and anyone else identifiable as a parade official.
- Drivers and the floats or vehicles they are operating will be removed from the parade if they fail to safely control their vehicle or operate their vehicle in a manner deemed unsafe by a representative of the City, Police Department, or Fire Department.
- Any unsafe or troublesome conditions along the parade route should be brought to the attention of a parade official immediately.

Parade Floats, Vehicles, and Other Entries

- Floats/vehicles should be constructed in dimensions that do not interfere with traffic control devices, roadway lighting, private property, etc.
- Float trailer vehicles must be equipped with a reliable hitch and safety tow chains that are in good repair and adequate to control the drawn load.
- A sturdy means of support to be constructed of wood or metal must be provided for each person riding on the float. Participants may not ride on hoods, fenders or side rails of any vehicle.
- All motorized vehicles in the parade must be driven by a driver 18 years of age or older who holds a current valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the State of Texas and proof of insurance.
- All drivers are prohibited from being under the influence of any substance that would impair their judgment or driving ability whether that substance be prescribed by a physician, an over-the-counter drug, alcohol, or an illicit drug.
- Drivers shall not participate in any activity that will distract from their driving of the float or vehicle, i.e., eating, talking on cell phone, etc.
- All floats or vehicles must remain in their assigned position during the duration of the parade.
- Parade floats and other entries should not stop unless the entire parade has otherwise stopped.
- Any float with participants predominantly thirteen (13) years old and younger must have adult supervision present on the float at all times and one (1) adult safety walker posted on each side of the float at all times.



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- If a float or vehicle becomes disabled during the parade, the driver shall move that float or vehicle as far right on the roadway as possible so that the remainder of the parade can pass safely. If the driver is able to return the float or vehicle to a drivable condition and the end of the parade has not yet passed, the driver shall wait until the end of the parade passes and then may rejoin the parade at the end. If the driver is unable to render the float or vehicle drivable before the end of the parade passes, the driver shall make arrangements for all participants riding on the float or vehicle to be transported to a safe place and then make arrangements for the float or vehicle to be removed.
- Walking units with participants predominantly thirteen (13) years old and younger must have one (1) adult safety member in front and one (1) adult safety member in the rear of the walking unit.
- No participants will be permitted to ride on the float or vehicle or in a position in violation of the State Transportation Code, and/or local ordinances, to the beginning point of the parade or when leaving the ending point of the parade.
- Entries with horses or animals of any kind should provide people to perform immediate excrement removal.
- All animals in the parade must be kept on leashes and held by someone strong enough to manage them.
- It is recommended that all parade floats/vehicles be equipped with a fire extinguisher readily marked and available.

Participants

- Once the float is in motion, persons shall not mount or dismount the float.
- All participants riding on a float or vehicle must remain seated at all times during the parade.
- Throwing of items from parade participants is **not** allowed and will be strictly enforced. **Handing out candy or objects to parade spectators is permitted by walkers only.**
- Participants may not solicit parade spectators to enter the parade route.
- Participants under eighteen (18) years of age on bicycles, scooters, skates, skateboards, etc., must wear a helmet and proper safety equipment.



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**PARADE CHAIRPERSON
LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I, _____, have read the City of Duncanville Parade Rules and Safety Guidelines and acknowledge that I understand all rules, regulations, and recommendations that have been deemed necessary to provide safety to all parade participants and spectators.

Printed Name of Parade Chairperson

Signature of Parade Chairperson

Date



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**FLOAT CHAIRPERSON
LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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Printed Name of Float Chairperson

Signature of Float Chairperson

Date