

CITY OF PORT ARTHUR PARADE REGULATIONS (Parade Floats)

DEFINITION:

Float-A special event conveyance not subject to normal travel and licensing on public streets, including a towing vehicle.

ON ALL FLOATS THERE SHALL BE:

Fire Extinguisher: A 5lb. ABC type fire extinguisher shall be located within reach of the driver. The driver shall have a working knowledge of the use of that fire extinguisher.

2ND FIRE EXTINGUISHER:

In the event decorations or any objects prevent the driver from quickly exiting the float, a second extinguisher equal to the first shall be placed on the float as required by the Fire Official.

HEAT PRODUCTION:

All heat producing devices (flames, generators, smoke machines, flares, etc.) shall be approved by the Fire Official.

LADDERS:

Each float or platform shall have sufficient numbers of ladders, 22" minimum width, to allow riders and emergency workers quick access and egress of said equipment.

SAFETY CHAINS:

There shall be at least one safety chain with tensile strength on all trailer hitches to prevent loss of control of the float in the event the hitch becomes disconnected from the towing vehicle.

SAFETY RAILS:

All locations on floats and vehicles that provide a standing site for participants shall have a rail with a minimum diameter of 1 ¼" with the top bar not less than 32" above the standing platform. The rail shall be secured in a manner to support a weight of 250 lbs. Exception: Floats providing riding pits, a minimum of 32" deep need not have rails.

SAFETY HARNESS:

Any float not having proper rails or pits shall have attachments for safety belts at each standing location.

GROUND CREW:

All floats shall have a safety crew on the ground walking every 10' along the side of the float.

HORSES:

All horses must have a poop bag.

DECORATIONS:

Decorations shall have certificates stating a flame spread rating of 0-25 and a smoke rating of not more than 450, provided to the Fire Inspector at the time of float/vehicle inspection.

If you have any questions concerning these Parade Regulations, please contact the Port Arthur Fire Department Fire Marshall at 983-8732.