

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE 2023

RULES & REGULATIONS

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ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ON A FLOAT OR IN A VEHICLE

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DECORATED WITH LIGHTS OR ILLUMINATED IN SOME WAY

PARADE DATE & LOCATION: Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the First National Bank, 122 West Way. All entries must enter at the front of the bank. **DO NOT TRY TO ENTER FROM THE JACK IN THE BOX.**

PARADE TIME: 7:00pm **SHARP!** All entries need to be set up by 5:30pm. Lineup begins at 3:30pm. Entries must be completely decorated and ready to go with all participants present by 6:45pm. The parade will not wait for anyone!

DEADLINE: **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED, SUBMITTED AND PAID FOR BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 5:00PM.** Entries are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. The first 75 entries will be accepted. Once 75 entries have been accepted, we will declare the parade "full" and accept no additional entries. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

PARADE CATEGORIES AND FEE: All parade entries will be required to pay a \$40 entry fee per float. There will be a \$40 charge for each additional float/truck/trailer/etc.

DISTRIBUTION OF FLYERS, PAMPHLETS, CANDY, ETC. WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!

For the safety of all parade participants and for the safety of spectators, distribution of ANY items from the floats with your entry is **strictly prohibited.** Violators are subject to receiving a littering citation, and/or immediate removal from the parade route.

WALKERS: **WALKERS are NOT allowed in the parade,** except for a marching band and/or drill team. **ALL** participants must be on a float or in a vehicle.

MUSIC & DECOR: ONLY holiday or festive, family-friendly music and decor is permitted, and is encouraged on all vehicles. **NO PROFANE, VIOLENT OR SUGGESTIVE MUSIC OR DECOR** will be permitted on any float or tow vehicle. Violators will be removed from the parade route immediately. Please be considerate of others!

FIRE EXTINGUISHER: Each entry **must** carry a fire extinguisher within the reach of the driver and it must be TYPE 2A: 10BC 5 Pound "All Purpose". All entries **must** be flame retardant either by the material used in construction, or by use of a spray-on retardant.

ENTRIES: The total dimensions of an entry shall be no longer than 60 ft. L, x 12 ft. H x 12 ft. W. **Floats must navigate very tight corners with little space to "swing wide" for turns.**

All entries with towed vehicles shall have a licensed driver. No one is permitted to leave the entry or tow vehicle to demonstrate or slow the forward movement of the parade in any way. Entries must stay in the parade line-up until completing the entire route.

ALCOHOL: **NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ENTRY OR IN THE TOW VEHICLE.** Personnel on the entry or in the tow vehicle who appear to be under the influence of alcohol will forfeit participation in the parade.

EQUIPMENT: Please make sure your vehicle, generator, sound equipment, etc. is in good working order. If you stall on the parade route, you will be asked to exit the parade.

MOVING ALONG THE ROUTE: Vehicle speed should not exceed 10 miles per hour. Do not allow gaps between you & the float in front of you. This is a big parade and gaps will cause problems as entries arrive at the end of the route.

END OF PARADE: **ALL FLOATS MUST COMPLETE THE ROUTE!** Do not stop along the route to allow people on or off the float. All participants will end at the First National Bank parking lot. Parents will need to WALK into the parking lot to pick up their children. Again, **DO NOT STOP** until you have reached First National Bank!

CHILD PICK-UP: **PERSONAL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BANK PARKING LOT AFTER THE PARADE EITHER!** Please communicate this to **all** participants in your group. This means parents may not drive up into the parking lot to pick up their child. We will NOT ALLOW personal vehicles to drive into the bank parking lot until most of the lot is cleared of traffic & people.

NO LIVE SANTAS with any parade entry.

CANCELLATION: Should the parade need to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, such as inclement weather, the Festival of Lights Committee will make the final decision by **12pm the day of the parade.** The Parade will **NOT** be rescheduled should the committee decide to cancel the parade and participants will receive a refund.

PARADE OF LIGHTS ENTRY FORM 2023

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Name of Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type & Length of Entry: **PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!**

Check ONE of the following:

Float (vehicle pulling trailer)

Length of Vehicle that is pulling the Float / Trailer: _____

Length of Float / Trailer: _____

Width of Entry (at widest point): _____

TOTAL LENGTH: _____

Vehicle (single vehicle, ie: car, truck, bus, firetruck, ambulance, etc.)

Type of Vehicle: _____

Length of Vehicle: _____

Width of Vehicle (at widest point): _____

Number of Vehicles (Car clubs limited to 10 vehicles per entry): _____

All parade entries will be required to pay a \$40 entry fee **per float**. This fee is for (1) float.
There will be a \$50 charge for Car Clubs.

Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____ Received by: _____

Please make checks payable to **Festival of Lights** and return with completed application to:

The Lake Jackson Civic Center
333 Hwy. 332 E
Lake Jackson TX 77566
ATTN: Festival of Lights

All entries must sign disclaimer. *In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive and release any and all claims for myself and my heirs/group against any members of the City of Lake Jackson, or anyone connected with the Festival of Lights Committee, its officers, or sponsors for any injury or illness resulting from my/our participation in this event to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Also, I have read and completely understand all of the rules and policies of this parade.*

I have received a copy of the Parade Rules (initial): Yes _____ No _____

To help ensure the safety of our parade participants, walkers **WILL NOT** be allowed on the parade route. **ALL** participants must be on a float or in a vehicle. Also, personal vehicles **WILL NOT** be allowed in the bank parking lot **FOR ANY REASON**. All decorations, signs, generators, etc. must be on the entry when it enters the bank parking lot or it will need to be walked in. **NO EXTRA VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN, NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Initial _____

Signature

Date