

Dear Potential Parade Participant:

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce wants to invite you to attend the ***Old Rip Parade to be held on the first Saturday in October***. We want to make the parade a great experience for participants and spectators. Below are rules and guidelines to ensure the parade runs safely and in a timely manner.

1. To assure good parade pre-planning, the deadline for entries is **Friday, September 23rd at 5:00PM**. Late entries will be allowed, but will be lined up at the end of the parade, behind the horses, and will not be announced from the Grandstand.

Parade line up will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the parade will begin right at 11:00 a.m.

2. To ensure the safety of spectators, especially children, **no objects, including candy**, may be thrown from floats or vehicles. Any handouts must be walked to spectators at the parade edges. **This will be strictly enforced**. (YOU CAN TOSS CANDY HOWEVER ABSOLUTLY NO THROWING)

3. In order to keep the parade moving at a reasonable pace, **performances at the grandstand must be no longer than 60 seconds**. **Music will be turned off at the 60 second mark**. If your performance is longer than 60 seconds, we would love to have you perform it around The Square after the parade.

4. **NO motorcycles or motorcycle groups** are allowed to participate in the Old Rip Parade.

5. It is a violation of City of Eastland Ordinances to accelerate or decelerate a vehicle excessively causing any of the wheels to leave the ground, (aka, "pop wheelies"), or to spin the wheels of a vehicle due to excessive acceleration. These activities create extreme dangers in a parade and cannot be tolerated. **Violations will result in expulsion from the parade, potentially receiving a citation and being banned from participation in future Old Rip Parades.**

We don't want to be excessively restrictive. Yet, years of experience has shown us that enforcement of the above rules will help ensure an enjoyable event, un-marred by tragedy.

Please contact us at 254-629-2332 if you have any questions, or send an e-mail to chamber@eastland.net. Forms can be submitted online at www.eastlandchamber.com/ripfest/, emailed to eastlandchamebr@gmail.com or chamber@eastland.net, or mailed to Eastland Chamber of Commerce, 209 West Main Suite A, Eastland, TX 76448. We look forward to a fun, successful event!!

Sincerely,

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce