

Dear Potential Parade Participant:

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce wants to invite you to attend the **“Classic Christmas Movies” Lighted Christmas Parade to be held on the first Saturday in December at 6:00pm.** 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. **NO ‘LIVE’ SANTAS ARE ALLOWED ON ANY ENTRIES OR FLOATS.** In order to preserve the magic of Christmas for children, we only have one Santa in the parade, which is already provided by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for your cooperation.
2. Remember, this is a lighted Christmas parade, all entries must be adorned with lights.
3. To ensure good parade pre-planning, the deadline for entries is **the last Friday in November.** Late entries will be allowed but will be lined up at the end of the parade, behind the horses, and will not be announced. **Parade line up will begin at 5:00 p.m. with photos for People’s Choice Judging beginning at 5:15 p.m.**
4. Due to safety issues involving the throwing of candy and other items, **NO entry will be allowed to throw ANY items** to the spectators. Groups may provide people to walk along the parade route and pass out items to the crowd. **This will be strictly enforced at this event!**
5. In order to keep the parade moving at a reasonable pace, **there will be NO performances in front of the Grandstand** without prior consent of the Chamber. However, we would love to have you perform in Grimes Memorial Garden at One Starry Night after the parade. Please contact Debbie Wharton at the Connellee Hotel to be added to the schedule at 254-631-0708.
6. 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 will not be tolerated. **Violations will result in expulsion from the parade, potentially receiving a citation and being banned from participation in future Lighted Christmas Parades.**

We strive not to be overly restrictive; however, years of experience have shown that enforcing these rules is essential to ensuring an enjoyable event, free from unnecessary risks or tragedies.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 254-629-2332 or send an e-mail to chamber@eastland.net. Forms can be emailed 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