

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 26th 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. For the safety of all spectators—especially children—**absolutely **nothing may be thrown from floats or vehicles**, including candy.

Handouts, including candy, may only be distributed by walking participants who hand or gently toss items directly to spectators along the edge of the parade route.

This rule will be **strictly enforced**. Thank you for helping us keep RipFest safe and enjoyable for everyone!

3. **To keep the parade moving at a steady pace, all grandstand performances must be limited to 60 seconds**. Music will be turned off at the 60-second mark.

If your performance exceeds that time, we invite you to showcase it around The Square after the parade concludes.

All performances must be approved in advance by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

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