

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 25th 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](mailto:chamber@eastland.net). Forms can be submitted online at [www.eastlandchamber.com/ripfest/](http://www.eastlandchamber.com/ripfest/), emailed to [eastlandchamebr@gmail.com](mailto:eastlandchamebr@gmail.com) or [chamber@eastland.net](mailto: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*