Brazoria County Fair Parade

Chairman – Amanda Helms

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 10 am

Entry Fees and Deadlines

- 1. Entry Fee: \$15 per Float Entry and \$5 per Bicycle.
- 2. Entry Fee Deadline is Friday September 26, 2025 at 4pm
- 3. Late Fee: \$20 per Float Entry and Bicycle
- Late Fee Deadline Monday September 29, 2025 to Wednesday October 1, 2025, Absolutely no entries will be accepted after October 2nd
- 5. All entry forms and entry fees can be made online <u>Brazoria County Fair Association</u>, in person or mailed to the Brazoria County Fair Association, P.O. Box 818, Angleton, *TX* 77516

Rules:

- 6. The theme of the parade will be "Where Family, Friends, & Agriculture Meet and Traditions & Memories Are Made ". Participants are encouraged to carry out this theme when decorating their float or entry.
- 7. <u>Float Entries</u> consist of a decorated trailer pulled by a towing vehicle and shall promote local, regional business or organization represented by its people.
- 8. <u>Non-Float Entries</u> can include the following: Boutique Style vehicles and trailers, antique or vintage vehicles (25 years or older), horse (livestock) and/or drawn wagons, emergency vehicles including: trucks, cars, or vans and convertibles for **ONLY official vehicles**.
- 9. <u>Bicycles Entries</u> will be pre-registered at the fair office. All bicycles will ride in one group. Bicycle riders are required to wear a helmet.
- 10. Trail Riders/groups must register in advance, and must designate a group contact.
- 11. The frame or platform of the float shall have a maximum height-13 ft from the ground, maximum width 12 ft, Maximum length 40 ft. If a towing vehicle and trailer combination is used, the maximum length is 65 ft.
- 12. All towed vehicles must be hitched with ball connection and coordinated with the float being towed and must have fenders or objects that completely conceal the wheels of the vehicle or float.
- 13. All floats and vehicles must be equipped with a minimum of a 2 1/2# ABC fire extinguisher. All units will be inspected.
- 14. ALL WHEELS MUST REMAIN ON THE GROUND.
- 15. All animal, horse drawn or performance entries that wish to precede must supply immediate

sanitary cleanup for animals or materials left behind.

- 16. Floats and entries may bear the name of the sponsor, or the organization and the name of the theme depicted. All letters should be no larger than 14 inches in height and affixed to the apron of the towing vehicle. Letters should be of a color to contrast with the background. This is important for better sponsor identification. Remember, floats and entries will be judged in part on the readability of the sign.
- 17. Materials recommended for covering floats are floral sheeting; artificial and/or real flowers, gold, silver or colored foil, papier mache, crepe paper, paint, or plastic figures. Absolutely no unfinished cardboard, plywood, or beaverboard surfaces will be permitted. Such surfaces must be decorated
- 18. Commercial entries commercial entries not conforming to these standards must turn in their plans for the float to the parade committee for approval by August 30, 2024.
- 19. Each entry will receive a number at line up prior to the start of parade for photography identification and judging purposes only.
- 20. The entrant will be responsible to provide and display their assigned number. (BCFA will not be providing a physical number for display) The number must be displayed on the upper front side of the entry or towed vehicle. Example: Upper side of windshield or side of the entry visible from 50 ft.
- 21. All floats and entries will be judged on a point system decided by the judges and committee.

Regulations:

- 22. Absolutely No enclosed vehicles including trucks, cars, or vans except emergency vehicles.
- 23. No motorized bicycles, motorcycles, atv or recreational vehicles (2, 3, or 4 wheel) will be allowed except commercial entries or clowns, must be 18 years or older and have a licensed driver.
- 24. <u>No political campaigning will be permitted</u>; except for those in existing political office can enter and participate in the parade as long as an entry form has been submitted.
- 25. Bands and other performing entries are not allowed to stop in front of the reviewing stand. A maneuver may be performed but entries CAN NOT STOP.
- 26. No child under 10 years of age will be allowed to march, or in any manner, walk in the parade without adult accompaniment.
- 27. NO THROWING OF GUM, CANDY, PAPER, ECT AND NO HANDING OUT OF ANY ITEMS BY PARADE ENTRANTS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PARADE ROUTE. NO PROMOTION HANDOUT MAY BE PLACED ON VEHICLES IN PARKING LOTS DURING SETUP. Entrants that do not abide by this rule WILL BE REMOVED from the parade and will not be eligible to enter future parades. (THESE ARE VERY SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUES!)
- 28. No exotic animals will be allowed. All other animals must be on a leash.

- 29. NO alcoholic beverages on any parade entry at any time before or during the parade!
- 30. Please use common sense, as safety is our primary concern for both participants & spectators.
- 31. All parade participants shall conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a family audience of all ages, march in a peaceful & orderly fashion, & participate in a civil manner with respect to other participants & the public.
- 32. Participants may be removed from the parade at the discretion of the parade staff, city officials or law enforcement.
- 33. The Parade committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any float or entry from entering the parade, should it not be in accordance with the standards of the Parade Committee.
- 34. All participants must comply with the Brazoria County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations, unless otherwise specified.

Award winners will be contacted on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Awards may be picked up at the fair office any time after winners are determined.