

2022 Christmas Parade Rules

1. **All parade participants must be in place by 5:30 p.m.**
2. ALL **FLOAT ENTRIES** ARE TO ENTER INTO THE STAGING AREA FROM NORTH SECTION STREET, NORTH OF, OR AT BAYOU DRIVE. NO OTHER ROUTE ENTRY WILL BE PERMITTED. ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY AND REROUTED.
MARCHERS, INCLUDING BAND MEMBERS, WILL BE DROPPED OFF AT THE AREA DESIGNATED. THIS DROP OFF AREA IS LOCATED AT FELLS AVENUE AND CHURCH STREET AND MUST BE ENTERED FROM THE SOUTH OF THAT AREA. ALL OTHER AREAS WILL BE BARRICADED.
3. **BANDS** WILL ORIGINATE IN THE FAIRHOPE COMMUNITY PARK ON CHURCH STREET. **DANCING UNITS** AND **OTHER WALKING UNITS** WILL LINE-UP ON MORPHY AVENUE.
4. Each parading group shall name a person who shall maintain contact with the parade official should assistance be needed during line-up or parade. If a unit cannot keep pace or is causing a problem with an unavoidable delay due to breakdown or mechanical trouble, the parade official will remove the unit from the parade. **PARADE OFFICIALS WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY YELLOW SAFETY VESTS.**
5. Each entry is required to furnish two adult safety personnel to walk alongside the float and keep spectators at a safe distance from the float.
6. Small children must be adequately supervised while on float.
7. The parade will start promptly at 7 p.m. unless there is a weather or emergency delay.
8. Parade throws may include candy, cups, beads or soft stuffed animals. **Parade throws should be appropriate for a Christmas parade. FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SPECTATORS, NO HARD ITEMS, HARD CANDY OR FRUIT.** NO boxes are to be thrown or handed down from floats.
9. NO alcoholic beverages are allowed on the floats, at the parade origination site or during the parade.
10. There will **ONLY BE ONE SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS** allowed in the Christmas Parade and they are provided by the City of Fairhope.
11. **All units/floats must be lighted and must have the logo or name of the sponsoring organization clearly displayed.** All floats with headlights should turn on the headlights during the parade.
NO EXCEPTIONS!!

12. ALL MUSIC MUST BE TRADITIONAL SEASONAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC. If this requirement is NOT met, the unit will be removed from the parade.

13. If mechanical problems arise you will be pulled from the parade. If you are able to continue at a later time contact a Parade official. The Parade official will allow you back in the parade line-up at the end of the parade in front of the fire trucks.

14. Insurance requirements must be met.

15. Floats with gasoline driven generators **MUST** have a fire extinguisher on board. All units/floats will be inspected for generators by officials of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Dept. before the parade begins.

16. The Fairhope Christmas Parade Committee will review entries that may cause a delay in the flow of the parade before allowing them to participate such as large groups of walkers and walking groups with small children. These types of entries may cause logistical problems and can possibly threaten the safety of other parade participants and those who are watching the parade.

17. Parking at the Fairhope Municipal Complex (Civic Center) will be designated for handicap parking.

18. All parade participants must load their float or walking unit in the parade line-up area. It is not allowed to join in the parade after the parade starts.

19. NO horses are allowed in the Fairhope Christmas Parade

Parade participants that do not follow the rules may not be allowed to participate in the Fairhope Christmas Parade next year.