

Parade Float Information

All floats and entries must incorporate the Harvest Festival theme into their float or entry in some way. The 2023 theme is “There’s No Place Like Home” or “175th Celebration of Kaufman County”. Exceptions include Fire and Police Departments.

Two Judging Categories

- Commercial
- Non-Commercial

Judging Evaluation

- Relevance to theme- 40%
 - (The purpose of the theme is to give a unified focus for entry designs and to give the parade an overall “look”)
- Appearance- 20%
- Workmanship- 20%
- Originality- 20%
- Floats will be evaluated before the start of the parade.

Horses and Other Animals

Animal entries must be equipped with the necessary “pooper scooper crew” and/or animal diapers. Animal entries accept responsibility for cleaning up the staging area and Parade route, if necessary. Failure to comply may result in not being allowed to participate in future City parades.

Parade Flow

To keep the parade moving, the maximum allowable stop time to perform is 30 seconds. Floats must close any gaps in the line during the parade. Walkers must keep up with the pace of the parade.

Antique and Custom Vehicles/Jeep Club/ATV Club

You may enter individually or as part of a group with a limit of 5 vehicles for any one group. Antique tractors pulling a float will be counted as part of the float entry.

Commercial Vehicles

Commercial Vehicles may enter the parade if they are:

- Pulling a float decorated to the festival theme
- Being used by a non-profit organization and decorated to the float theme
- Being used by an approved dignitary.

Other Requirements

- All drivers of vehicles, including ATVs, must be licensed and at least 18 years old.
- No amplified music shall exceed 85 decibels.
- No weapons or items resembling a weapon may be incorporated into your float.

Insurance Disclaimer

The City of Kaufman doesn't bear any responsibility for personal injuries or property damage inflicted by or on any participants in the parade. Parade participants should be properly insured against medical, property damage, or personal liability occurring to themselves or any other person in connection with the parade or parade activities.