

Addendum 2
City of Fort Worth Fire Marshall Requirements



Parade Floats requirements:

The Fort Worth Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention, is charged with the enforcement of the Fire Code within the City of Fort Worth. When this office determines that an indoor or outdoor gathering of people has an adverse impact on public safety, this office has the authority to order the development of, or prescribe a plan for, the provision of an approved level of public safety.

For any plan to be approved by this office, it must include the following requirements:

- ***Any motorized float, or any float with a liquid fueled generator, must be equipped with at least one up to date fire extinguisher with a rating of no less than 2A10BC.***
- ***All decorative material used on floats must be either non-combustible (NFPA 701) or treated with a flame retardant.***
- ***Hay will not be allowed on any float that contains lights, generators or fuel tanks.***
- ***Generators are NOT permitted in the bed of the truck with participants, nor on the trailer/float with participants. The generator may be permitted in/on a pulling device/or truck bed where participants are non-existent. A generator may also be placed upon the tongue of the trailer hitch, where ventilation is adequate, and noxious fumes are not readily consumed by participants.***

The following disclosure statements are an attempt to answer any questions regarding the above-mentioned requirements:

If the float contains any combustible materials, including *paper, cardboard, cloth, foam*, etc., the applicant may be asked to produce documentation of flame retardancy by the fire official onsite. Professional application for such products is advised, as these professionals will supply appropriate documentation as proof of application.

The applicant may choose to apply a flame-retardant chemical, in which case, the applicant will be required to present documentation which includes a signed letter stating the application product, the manufacturer, and a statement acknowledging proper application of the product in accordance with the manufacturer's directions. This can include a simple document verifying that the applicant has complied with all requirements. In addition, the applicant *may* also be required to provide a copy of the manufacturer's

documentation, indicating specificity about the products overall design to reduce flammability.

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This office cannot recommend specific flame-retardant products. However, if a question arises about a particular product, please contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention to discuss approval and use.

Testing data will not be required for the use of any fire-retardant product, as that data was previously collected by the listing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual, and does not need to be duplicated. However, if the product documentation is not available, the fire inspector *may* require that a field test be conducted. It is the responsibility of the individual float applicant to ensure that the documentation is available onsite.

Up-to-date fire extinguishers on all motorized floats, and floats with liquid fueled generators meet the intent and discretion of all previous fire extinguishment requirements and suffice flammability and public safety measures.

If a float is not compliant with any of these requirements, it will not be permitted to participate in the event and must be removed from the area. However, if the fire inspector on-site determines that the issues can be resolved prior to step off, the inspector *may* allow participation with *remedial actions*.

As a department, we recognize that entrants of any parade may be largely non-profit and/or budget limited. The requirements noted above should not in any way add significantly to the cost of participating. Any questions or concerns from participants are always welcomed. Please call this office at 682-301-2912 for instruction or guidance. It is the mission of this unit to ensure a safe and successful event for all.

Thank you,

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