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TWENTY-EIGTH ANNUAL
LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE
Saturday, December 12, 2026
ENTRY APPLICATION

Theme: *"SESAME STREET"*

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Home # _____ Work/Cell # _____

Email: _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Brief Description of Entry: _____

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Number of participants in the group: _____

Length of Float/Entry in feet _____
(Please include the length/type of the vehicle pulling the float)

CHECK CATEGORY OF YOUR ENTRY
(Check ONE Only) Fee Required

_____ Float/Golf Cart Unit (1-10 carts)
[Only Category Eligible for Cash Prizes] 2 Walkers required

_____ Marching/Walking Unit
[including Drill Teams, Cheerleaders & Bands]

_____ Car/Truck/Motorcycle
(Clubs limited to ten (10) vehicles)

_____ Horse Unit
(Limit of 6 horses)

_____ Military Units

_____ Thematic
(Clowns, cyclists, etc.)

EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE AN APPLICATION COMPLETED
To enter, the application must be completed and returned to City of La Feria by 3:00 P.M., **Wednesday, December 2, 2026.**

ENTRY FEE $50.00

ENTRY FEE NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION

I hereby enter the Parade at my/our own risk and agree to do so subject to all parade official rules and guidelines. I further agree that if any damage is occasioned, or loss or damaged from any cause to the horse exhibited, vehicle, or art I may use or exhibit, I will hold the City of La Feria harmless. I will make no claims against the City of La Feria or any of its volunteers, nor instigate any legal proceedings for personal injuries or property damage arising from accident by any employee or volunteer of the City of La Feria. **I understand that violations(s) of rules and guidelines will forfeit my/our participation during this and future parades. I understand that there are NO REFUNDS after 30 Days from the due date of registration and that REFUNDS are NOT given for non-attendance of the Christmas Parade.**

No POLITICAL SIGNS of any kind will be allowed within the parade.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Date: _________________ Signature: ______________________________

Name and Title: _________________________

Mail/Return Applications To: City of La Feria
115 East Commercial Avenue
La Feria, Texas 78559

Late Fee of $5 applied to entries received after Wednesday, December 2, 2026. Late registration deadline is Friday, December 4, 2026.

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Application Received on ____________________________ Fee Paid ____________

COMMENTS/FOLLOW-UP ACTION NEEDED:

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT ALMA GARCIA - (956) 797-2261 X 408
EMAIL: AGARCIA@CITYOFLAFERIA.COM

LA FERIA CHRISTMAS PARADE 2026
OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

THEME: *"SESAME STREET"*

DAY/DATE: Saturday, December 12, 2026
START TIME: 6:00 P.M. **(Line up starts at 3:30 P.M.)**

GENERAL RULES

Line Up – The parade will form at Lilac Avenue and travel north on Main Street, and the final destination will be the La Feria High School Parking Lot. ALL Entries Must be in their assigned numbered space by **5:30 P.M.**
The parade route length is approximately one 1 mile long.

NOTHING MAY BE THROWN TO THE AUDIENCE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO CANDY AND COSTUME JEWELRY.

HANDING OUT CANDY OR OBJECTS TO THE CROWD IS PERMITTED BY WALKERS ONLY; HOWEVER, TWO WALKERS MUST ACCOMPANY THE FLOAT/ENTRY, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE STREET.

FLOATS

Floats must be decorated and may be pulled by tractor, car, or truck. The vehicle pulling the float will not be judged. If sound/music is included in the theme, and a sound system is not included within the float itself, a vehicle with a sound system will be allowed to follow the float.

1) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON EVERY FLOAT FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES

2) ALL FLOATS MUST INCLUDE ADULTS

3) NO ONE WILL GET ON OR OFF A FLOAT OR ANY ENTRY ONCE THEY HAVE STARTED THE PARADE ROUTE.

4) ENTRY NUMBERS WILL BE PLACED ON ALL ENTRIES BY THE DESIGNATED PARADE OFFICIAL DURING LINE-UP.

5) ONCE THE NUMBER IS PLACED IT MAY NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL THE END OF THE ROUTE.

AWARDS

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE FLOATS OF EACH CATEGORY.
JUDGING OF ALL THE ENTRIES WILL BE HELD BY A PANEL OF JUDGES, STATIONED ON THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET AND INDUSTRIAL WAY IN FRONT OF DOLLAR TREE.

ENTRIES WILL USE THE THEME: "SESAME STREET"

Note: Any Sesame Street Character

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TWO CATEGORIES
SCHOOL AND BUSINESS

A cash prize will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place floats for each category!

1st place prize - $ 300.00
2nd place prize - $ 200.00
3rd place prize - $ 100.00

Winners will be announced via website and social media on Monday, December 14, 2026.

GUIDELINES

1. **SCHOOL/SCHOOL RELATED CLUBS**
   In order to improve the safety of all participants including children, Teachers and Sponsors need to inform their students the exact location number for the Parade Line up.

2. **MARCHING BANDS**
   Bands are expected to provide music and showmanship during the parade. All participating bands must participate according to the official lineup.

3. **DRILL TEAM/DANCE GROUPS/CHEERLEADERS**
   All dance and drill teams, cheerleaders, or baton twirlers should march as a team, with a band, or ride on a float. **Those riding on a float will not be permitted to get off to perform along the parade route.** The vehicle pulling the float will not be judged. If sound/music is necessary for a team marching without a band or riding on the float, a vehicle with a sound system will be allowed to precede the group.

4. **THEMATIC GROUPS**
   Thematic groups (clown cyclist, etc.) should perform along the parade route. If sound/music is necessary to convey the theme, a vehicle with a sound system will be allowed to precede the group.

5. **CAR CLUB/MOTORCYCLE CLUBS**
   A maximum of ten (10) vehicles may be included per club. Motorcycle riders will not be allowed to "pop wheelies" or otherwise endanger themselves or other parade attendees and audience. **Cars or Motorcycles may not "peel-out"** during the parade. Rules will be strictly enforced (No exceptions).

GUIDELINES (Cont'd)

6. HORSE GROUPS

Horses will be at the final segment of the parade. A maximum of six (6) horses with riders per group is permitted. **All horses must have a VS 10-11 or Coggins papers indicating the horse has tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia as per Texas Animal Health Commission Chapter 49 regulations.**

7. DISTANCE

Each participant needs to maintain a distance of fifteen (15) feet between each entry. **LARGE GAPS MUST BE AVOIDED.**

8. POLITICAL SIGNS

No political signs of any kind will be allowed within the parade.

9. DISBANDING

Floats with children under the age of 17 and student marching/units will be directed to disband behind the High School next to the Stadium and will be escorted by Teachers to their designated pick up area inside the La Feria High School West Parking Lot. The floats and any other vehicles will travel behind the La Feria High School and park or they may exit onto Canal Street and travel south to Business 83. Parents may pick up their children from the designated areas.

Please note that no one will be able to drive out of the La Feria High School parking lot until the parade has completely disbanded. Our goal is to ensure safety to all who attend the parade and everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

2026 Lighted Christmas Parade
Guidelines

This year's theme is *"SESAME STREET"*

Be creative, have fun and let's make this year a great one!

ALL Entries will be judged on these 5 Criteria:

Theme – *"SESAME STREET"*

(any Sesame Street Character)

Originality – the uniqueness of the entry

Presentation – how well the entry is put together

Lights – this is a Lighted Parade

Spirit – energy and enthusiasm

The La Feria Lighted Christmas Parade is a family friendly, community event that offers fun and entertainment for all ages.

No political signs allowed.

The City of La Feria looks forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, December 12th at 6:00 PM.



"Wishing you peace and happiness this Holiday Season"

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