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NEWS RELEASE

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The Christmas holiday is upon us and the Odessa Police Department would like to remind the Citizens of Odessa and parade participants of the City Ordinance 18-49 Parades. Adherence to the following rules and regulation within the City of Odessa will ensure the safety of parade participants as well as spectators.

1. All motorized parade participants shall travel in the centermost lane available.
2. No vehicle through bouncing, weaving, accelerating or spinning shall cause its tires to leave the roadway surface.
3. No parade participants and/or directors shall travel at a speed greater than or less than the speed set by the lead police unit.
4. The outside northbound lane shall be free of all parade participants at all times. This lane is for use by **emergency vehicles only**.
5. Parade participant shall comply with City Ordinance Section 18-49 which states: All participants riding/utilizing horses or livestock shall travel in the centermost lane available.

“A person commits an offense if that person while riding in or on a parade vehicle, float or animal or otherwise being a part of a first amendment parade or special event parade, throws, drop, hands out or otherwise gives out any candy, other food articles, toys, souvenirs or similar items to persons situated along the parade route.”

Adherence to these restrictions is mandatory for all parade participants. Any behavior deemed to be unsafe by officers of the Odessa Police Department will be addressed up to including immediate removal of participants.

The Odessa Police Department expects the parade directors to support and inform the participants of these rules and City Ordinances. Any willful violations or failure to enforce these rules could result in a denial of future permits.

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