

**ORDINANCE NO: 2023 014**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 74 ARTICLE V SECTION 74-114 RULES  
AND REGULATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARENCRO**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Carencro, Louisiana, endeavors to resume the traditional Christmas Parade in the City of Carencro while ensuring the safety of the participants and attendees while maintaining the dignity appropriate for the holiday and requires the addition of Chapter 74 Article V Section 74-114 to the Ordinances of the City of Carencro and which such ordinances address rules and regulations of parades.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council for the City of Carencro, Louisiana that the Chapter 74 Article V Section 74-114 be added to Code of Ordinances City of Carencro to read as follows:

**Chapter 74 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**ARTICLE V. Parades**

**Sec. 74-114 – Christmas Parade Rules and Regulation**

The City of Carencro may issue a permit to any group to conduct a parade celebrating the Christmas holiday provided that such parade complies with certain parameters. The rules below only apply to the parade celebrating the Christmas holiday and not any other parade, including the Mardi Gras parade, in the City of Carencro.

**A. ROUTE**

The parade will begin at Railroad Street and will continue through to the Carencro Community Center.

**B. PARTICIPANTS**

**a. MOTORIZED VEHICLES:**

The Christmas Parade may consist of floats being pulled by street legal vehicles, street legal UTV's (side by sides) and street legal golf carts. The Christmas Parade may also consist of street legal vehicles and specialty vehicles including hot rods, classic or vintage vehicles or convertibles which are not pulling floats.

1. Any float, UTV, golf cart or other vehicle in the parade must be decorated with a Christmas theme.
2. The operators of any vehicle pulling any float in the parade must be able to produce at the parade a valid driver's license and produce proof of valid motor vehicle liability insurance.
3. Vehicle and float combinations must not exceed fifty (50') feet in length.
4. Vehicle and float combinations must not exceed eight (8') feet in width.
5. Vehicle and float combinations must not exceed thirteen (13') feet in height.
6. The sides of all floats must be a minimum of three (3') feet in height and be constructed of wood or other solid material to prevent participants from falling over the side.
7. Each float will be equipped with a trash or garbage container.
8. The number of riders on any street legal UTV (side by side) or golf cart will be limited to the number of seats in the unit.
9. The number of riders in any convertible specialty vehicle seated above the rear set is limited to two (2).

b. MARCHING PARTICIPANTS:

The Christmas Parade may consist of marching units limited to school bands, school spirit groups and dance schools.

1. All participants must be appropriately dressed and dressed in a uniform that identifies the participant as part of a particular group marching in the parade if the participant is part of a school band, school spirit group or dance school.

C. PROHIBITIONS

- a. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on any float or vehicle in the parade. No marching participants will be allowed to possess or consume alcoholic beverages during the parade.
- b. No open flames will be allowed on any vehicle or float in the parade.

- c. No glass containers will be allowed on any float or vehicle in the parade. No marching participants will be allowed to possess any glass containers during the parade.
- d. No float, vehicle or marching participants will be allowed to broadcast or play any music that contains any vulgar language.
- e. No float riders, passengers in any vehicle or marching participants will be allowed to display any vulgar or inappropriate photographs or depict any vulgar or inappropriate scenes or displays.
- f. No float riders, passengers in any vehicle or marching participants will be allowed to possess any paintball guns, water guns or fireworks during the parade.
- g. No float riders, passengers in any vehicle or marching participants will be allowed to discard any liquids, garbage, trash or other refuse other than in an designated waste container or receptacle.
- h. No bicycles, motorcycles or ATVs (4 wheelers), other than police and first responders) will be allowed in the parade.
- i. No float riders will be allowed to extend any body part past the side, front or rear of the float.
- j. No float riders will be allowed to exit the float during the parade.
- k. No participants will be allowed to wear Santa Claus or Mrs. Clause costumes.

**THUS ADOPTED** in the City of Carencro, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**CHARLOTTE CLAVIER, MAYOR**