



# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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### **PARADE FLOAT REQUIREMENTS (Effective February 24, 2017)**

1. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:
  - Motorized parade floats and towing apparatus shall be provided with a minimum 2-A 10-B:C rated portable fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator.
  - All fire extinguishers shall have a current (*within a year*) inspection sticker from a licensed extinguisher company or provide proof that extinguisher is new (*store receipt*). (Amendments 2015 IFC, Section 319.2)
2. DECORATIVE MATERIALS:
  - Decorative material on parade floats shall be noncombustible or flame retardant. (Amendments 2015 IFC, Section 319.1)
3. EXHAUST PIPES:
  - Motorized float exhaust pipes must be extended past the exterior of the float by 6 inches and must be clear of all decorative material.
  - Generator exhaust pipes must be extended past the exterior of the float by 6 inches and must be clear of all decorative material. (Amendments 2015 IFC, Section 319.3)
4. ESCAPE HATCH:
  - Motorized floats shall be equipped with a quick escape hatch from interior driver compartments. (Amendments 2015 IFC, Section 319.4)
5. ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS:
  - All electrical connections shall be enclosed in a UL listed electrical junction box.
6. GENERATORS:
  - Fuel tanks shall be of adequate capacity to permit uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours. Re-fueling is prohibited during the parade.

**NOTE: Other requirements may follow pending results of fire inspection**

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~~**319.10.3 Fuel gas systems.** LP gas containers installed on the vehicle and fuel gas piping systems shall be inspected annually by an approved inspection agency or a company that is registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation to requalify LP gas cylinders, to ensure that system components are free from damage, suitable for the intended service and not subject to leaking. CNG containers shall be inspected every 3 years in a qualified service facility. CNG containers shall not be used past their expiration date as listed on the manufacturer's container label. Upon satisfactory inspection, the approved inspection agency shall affix a tag on the fuel gas system or within the vehicle indicating the name of the inspection agency and the date of satisfactory inspection.~~

## **SECTION 320 PARADE FLOATS**

**320.1 Permits.** For a permit to operate a Parade Float, see Section 105.6.54. It shall be unlawful to operate a Parade Float without a permit.

**320.2 Decorative Materials.** Decorative material on parade floats shall be noncombustible or flame retardant.

**320.3 Fire Protection.** Motorized parade floats and towing apparatus shall be provided with a minimum 2-A, 10-B:C-rated portable fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator.

**320.4 Exhaust Pipes.** Motorized float exhaust pipes must be extended past the exterior of the float and be clear of all decorative material.

**320.5 Escape Hatch.** Motorized floats shall be equipped with a quick escape hatch from interior driver compartments.

*CHAPTER 3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS is amended by adding a new Section 321*

*FOOD BOOTHS as follows:*

## **SECTION 321** **FOOD BOOTHS**

**321.1 Permits.** For permit to operate a food booth, see Section 105.6.47. It shall be unlawful to operate a food booth without a permit.

**321.2 Fire Extinguishers.** One 2A-10 BC fire extinguisher shall be required for all food booths. Booths containing deep fat fryers shall have a class K portable fire extinguisher for up to four fryers having a maximum cooking medium capacity of 80 pounds each. For every additional group of four fryers having a maximum cooking capacity of 80 pounds each, an additional class K extinguisher will be required. For individual fryers exceeding 6 square feet in surface area, class K extinguishers will be installed in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations. All