

Pride Parade Times

Houston GLBT Pride Parade

No. 26

Saturday, June 26, 2004, 8:45 p.m.

Texas-Sized Pride at Houston's Annual Nighttime Pride Parade

WELCOME to the 2004 Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade!

We hope you have a thrilling time celebrating our community pride. 2004 marks Houston's 26th annual Pride Parade and our eighth annual nighttime parade—America's original nighttime pride parade.

Please refer to the map below for the parade route and to the large map inside for your spot in the entry line-up. Make sure

you are familiar with and adhere to the parade rules you have been given.

Units must line up on time—6 p.m. for floats, 7 p.m. for vehicles, and 7:30 p.m. for walking units. All units must be in place by 8 p.m. and the parade will begin at 8:45 p.m.

Place your unit number in a prominent position for easy viewing by judges. This year, trophies will be presented at the Houston GLBT Pride Parade

WEATHER REPORT

It's Houston—it will rain sometime during the day! Bring protection for your entry, particularly for your electronic equipment.

In the case of extreme weather, the parade may be cancelled no later than 7 p.m.

Awards Ceremony, which will be held 4-7 p.m., Sunday, June 27, at Meteor, 2306 Genesee.

Units not checking in on time or misrepresenting themselves on their parade applications may be denied entry in the parade.

2004 PARADE ROUTE



The official 2004 Parade Line-Up Map is inside!

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2004 Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade Line-Up

LINE UP TIMES

6 p.m. floats
 7 p.m. vehicles
 7:30 p.m. walking units
 8 p.m. all units in place
 8:45 p.m. SHARP kick-off



LEGEND

000 Walking/Motorized Unit
000 Float
000 Professional Float

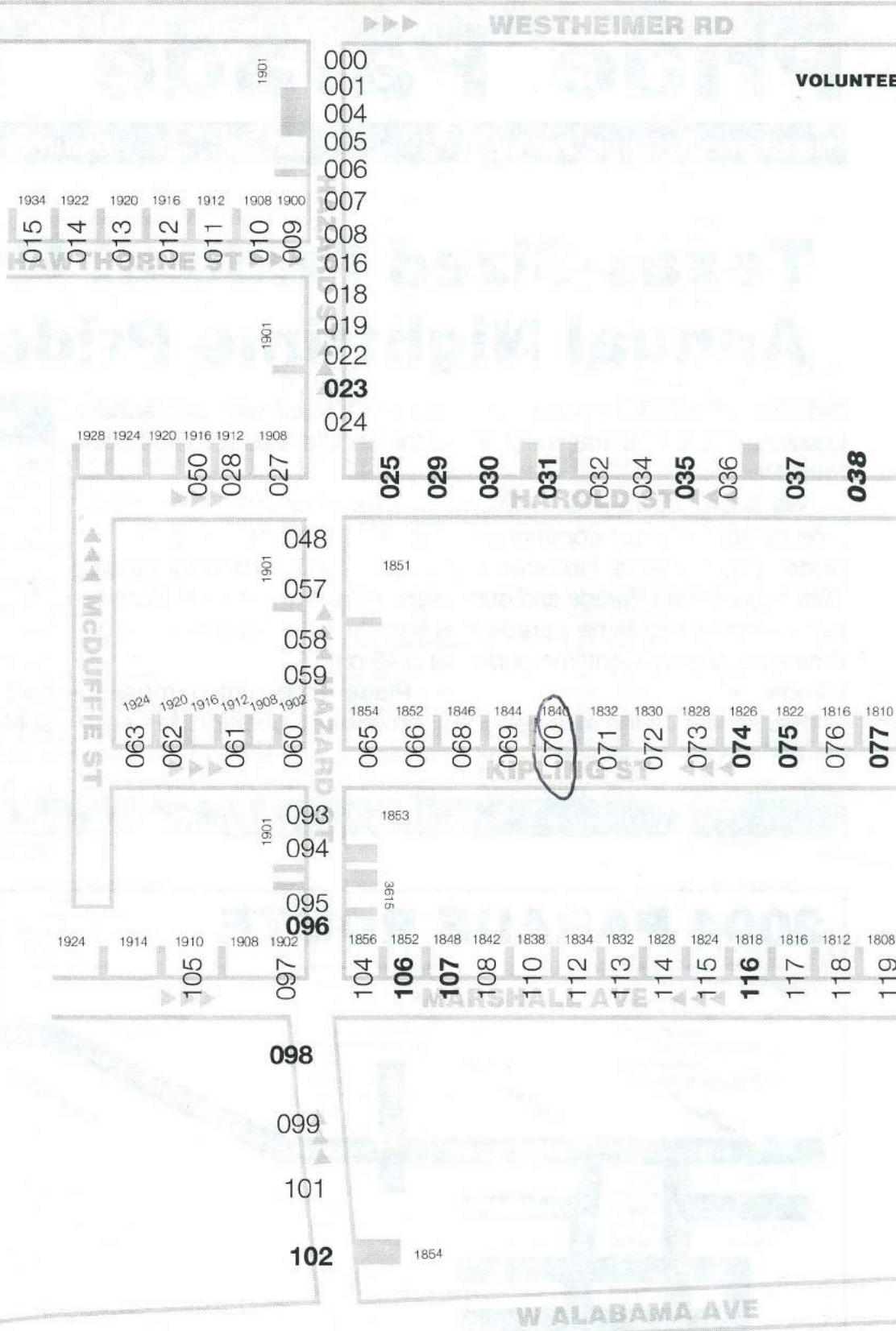
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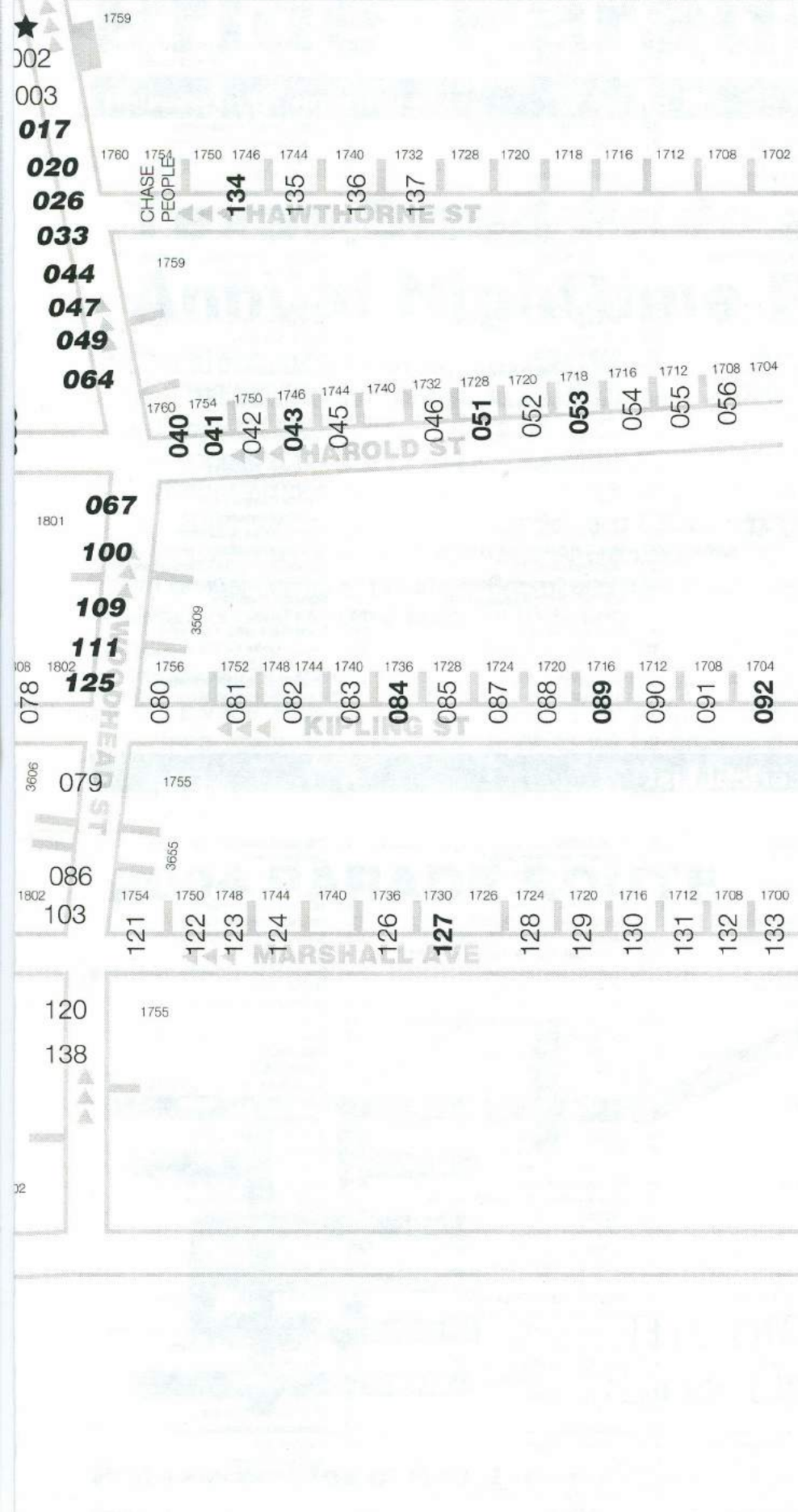
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| 106 AIDS Foundation Houston | 041 Houston Area Bears |
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| 113 Alley Theatre | 086 Houston Comets |
| 013 Honorable Houston City Councilmember Carol Alvarado | 062 The Houston GLBT Community Center |
| 135 American Express | 094 Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival |
| 029 Asians & Friends Houston | 068 Houston Humane Society |
| 060 AssistHers | 050 Houston Pride Band |
| 108 Austin Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce | 047 Houston Transgendered Unity Committee |
| 001 American Veterans For Equal Rights (AVER) | 042 The Houston Voice |
| 093 Bayou City Boys Club | 071 Houston Women's Festival |
| 008 Honorable US Congressman Chris Bell | 006 Houston Police Department |
| 043 Bering Memorial United Methodist Church | 054 Human Rights Campaign |
| 027 Bering Omega Community Services | 038 H Texas Magazine |
| 055 Berry Hill Baja Grill | 063 Immigration Equality |
| 132 Broadway in Houston | 098 Inergy Club |
| 124 Elect Peter Brown | 028 Integrity/Houston |
| 017 Bud Light/Silver Eagle Distributors | 026 JPMorgan Chase PRIDE Team |
| 049 Bunnies on the Bayou | 125 K B Home |
| 073 Steve Carbone "Mr. Prime Choice 2004" | 081 KHMx Mix 96.5 |
| 046 Chances | 059 KPFT 90.1 - Pacifica Radio |
| 033 Charles Armstrong Investments, Inc. | 104 104 KRBE |
| 022 Chipotle Mexican Grill | 127 Krewe of the Moons of Uranus |
| 120 Classic Chassis Car Club of Houston | 037 Krewe of Olympus-Texas, Inc. |
| 067 Club Xscape | 007 Honorable US Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee |
| 010 Honorable Texas Representative Garnet Coleman | 003 Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas |
| 136 The Colt 45's | 065 Lesbian Health Initiative (LHI) Liquid |
| 105 A Common Bond - Texas | 070 Lcafers, Inc. (LOAF) |
| 035 Community Gospel Church | 031 Maranatha Fellowship MCC |
| 045 Continental Airlines | 072 Miss Camp America Foundation |
| 077 Countrywide Home Loans | 032 Montrose Clinic, Inc. |
| 096 Covenant Church | 024 Montrose Counseling Center |
| 044 DIAGEO | 020 Montrose Softball League/Unity Through Sports |
| 111 Dignity Houston | 084 Montrose Vet Clinic |
| 109 Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation/YMSM Program | 069 More Light Presbyterians of Greater Houston |
| 110 Jim Dougherty Campaign | 083 Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church |
| 012 Honorable Houston City Councilmember Ada Edwards | 129 Texas National Organization for Women |
| 100 E.J.'s | 053 O Houston Nightclub and Lounge |
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| 074 GLBT Pagan Pride Society | 131 Planet Ford |
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| 015 Honorable Houston City Councilmember Ronald Green | 079 Racing Limos of Houston |
| 048 Guava Lamp | 137 Rainbo de Klown |
| 099 Halloween Magic | 089 Rainbow Ranch |
| 091 Harris County Democratic Party | 092 Resurrection MCC |
| 095 Harris County Libertarian Party | 116 Rich's Houston |
| 025 Montrose Counseling Center/H.A.T.C.H. | 126 Ron Carter Autoland |
| 117 The Hates | 057 Ryan White Planning Council |
| 088 Heart of Texas Bears, Inc. | 075 Shell Oil Company US (Sea Shell Network) |
| 134 HEB Grocery Company | 030 Stonewall Law Association of Greater Houston |
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| 018 Houston Fire Department/Community Outreach | 130 Starbucks Coffee Company |
| 023 Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents, Inc. | 082 Statscript Pharmacy |
| 064 Holiday Inn & Suites Galleria | 056 Texas Triangle |
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PRIDE AS BIG AS TEXAS

Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride

PRIDE PARADE APPLICATION PACKET 2004

DEADLINE MAY 15, WITH LATE FEE MAY 31

WELCOME TO HOUSTON GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER PRIDE 2004!

The Pride Committee of Houston sponsors and produces the annual nighttime Pride Parade to commemorate three nights of civil unrest known as the Stonewall riots. These riots occurred in late June 1969 in response to official harassment by the New York Police and are considered the birth of the movement for equal rights and liberation for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Many communities in the U.S. and around the world hold Pride celebrations in June in memory of Stonewall.

The Pride Committee welcomes all participants to the Parade and hopes to make it an enjoyable experience.

We ask that everyone follow the direction of the Parade organizers on Parade day. In turn, should anyone in your group need assistance or wish to report any behavior deemed disrespectful toward any other participant, contact any Parade volunteer, who will call a member of the Pride Committee to the scene to take the appropriate action.

We will attempt to honor any special request, but we are unable to consider any request to position any entry at the front of the Parade. Entries are positioned in the order that applications are received, and it would be unfair to organizations that submit applications early to be positioned further back.

This packet contains the 2004 Pride Parade application, instructions for completing the application and the 2004 Parade rules. Please follow these steps so that the Pride Committee may process your completed application.

Completely and accurately fill out the application. Type or print clearly. Return the completed form with the correct application fee to the Pride Committee. Applications received without the correct fee will not be processed. The Pride Committee cannot be held responsible for matching applications and payments sent separately. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please note the following deadlines to participate in the 2003 Pride Parade:

- Applications postmarked after May 15, 2004, must include a \$100.00 late fee and must be postmarked by May 31, 2004.
- Applications will not be accepted at the Mandatory Meeting on June 15, 2004.

All applications will be confirmed after they are processed. We will also return a copy of the application at that time. If the Throws Authorization section of the application has been completed, we will also respond at that time confirming or declining acceptability of the items described.

The 2004 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade begins at 8:45 p.m. on June 26, 2004. So that the Parade can start on time, entries must be in place and checked in at the following times:

- 5 p.m. Floats are to be in their assigned positions.
- 6 p.m. Vehicles in the Parade must be in position. Vehicles not participating must be removed from the line-up area.
- 7 p.m. All organizations participating in the Parade must be in place and checked in. The lineup area will be closed to traffic. Entries not in position at this time will not be allowed to participate in the Parade.
- 8:30 p.m. Westheimer will be closed to traffic. Lead entries will be moved to the Woodhead intersection.
- 8:45 p.m. The Parade begins!

We also invite your organization to participate in the Parade Workshop. Check our web site, www.pridehouston.org for more information.

**PRIDE PARADE
JUNE 26, 2004**

Mission Statement

The Pride Committee of Houston brings the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community together to celebrate individual pride, commemorate our community's history and educate society for the liberation of all people.

PRIDE PARADE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sponsoring Organization Information

Enter the full name, mailing address, and phone and fax numbers of the organization sponsoring the entry. Include the e-mail address of the organization or that of someone who can quickly distribute information to the group. If the organization has a web site, please include it. Also include the name and phone number of a contact person expected to remain with the organization until after the Parade. Let us know whether your organization is based more than 50 miles from Houston so we can determine whether you need to send a representative to the Mandatory Meeting.

2. Entry Information

Briefly describe the Parade entry (not the organization). Include a title if applicable. Estimate the number of people participating in your Parade entry. Estimate the total length of the entry, including all people leading or following any float or vehicle. List any participating group or business other than the sponsoring organization that will be identifiable in the entry through such things as signage, throws and clothing.

3. More Information

Check all elements that will be included in your entry. A float is any wheeled display or conveyance moving under other than its own power. A vehicle is any wheeled conveyance moving under its own power. A walking group is a marching or performing group or any persons not in or on a vehicle or float. Lighting includes neon, fluorescent, incandescent and any other electrical lighting. Music may be live or recorded. A performance includes any type of performance, dance or musical presentation. List wheel monitors, minimum two, list driver with drivers license number. Large animals are horses and other animals, whether ridden, led or drawing a vehicle. An additional form is required for large animals and will be sent to the organization when the entry is confirmed. Let us know whether professional float builders are creating your entry so we can determine where to place your entry in the line-up area and the awards for which your organization will qualify. In the Special Requests line, include any specific needs for your entry to participate in the Parade.

4. Authorization for Parade Throws

Describe items that your organization would like to throw or distribute during the Parade. Include a sample of each item or bring samples to the Mandatory Meeting. Authorization will not be granted until a sample is submitted. No item may be thrown or distributed at the Parade without authorization.

5. Fees Check each appropriate box.

All entries must pay the fee for either (1) a non-profit organization with no commercial/business promotions or advertising or (2) a business or non-profit organization with one commercial/business promotion or advertisement. A non-profit organization is a group whose purpose is other than creating income or profit for its owners or directors.

Foundations or other organizations that generate funds that are dispersed to other non-profit organizations will be considered non-profit. An organization claiming nonprofit status may be requested to provide documentation of that status to the Pride Committee. Add \$100.00 for each additional commercial/business promotion or advertisement on any entry. Add \$10.00 for each large animal that will participate in the Parade. Animals for which a fee has not been paid will not be allowed on the Parade route. Include a \$100.00 late fee for an application postmarked after May 15, 2004. Applications will not be processed without correct fees. Include a \$60.00 fee if you will be throwing items from your entry.

Enter the total amount submitted with the application. Checks or money orders are payable to Pride Committee of Houston.

6. Signature

An officer or responsible party of the organization must sign to indicate understanding and acceptance of the Parade rules. Print name if different from the contact name above. Include title if applicable.

7. Submit Application

Mail the completed application and all fees to the Pride Committee of Houston. Applications can also be submitted on the web site www.pridehouston.org. Applications are not accepted via fax. Applications are not accepted at the Pride Office.

8. Attend the Mandatory Meeting.

All participating organizations based within 50 miles of Houston must have a representative at this meeting, at 7 p.m. on June 15, 2004, at the Metropolitan Multi- Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Unrepresented groups will not be eligible for awards and may be barred from the Parade.

2004 PRIDE PARADE RULES

1. General

- 1.1 To be part of the 2004 Pride Parade, each organization must submit an official application and entry fee to the Parade Committee of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc.
- 1.2 All applicants/entries must agree to the following rules and are responsible to inform all participants of these rules.
- 1.3 Applications will not be accepted after MAY 31, 2004.
- 1.4 A representative of each Pride Parade entry must attend a Mandatory Meeting at 7 p.m. on June 15, 2004, at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Exception: Applying organizations with headquarters based more than 50 miles from Houston are exempt from attending this meeting.
- 1.5 Pride Parade lineup begins on June 26, 2004 at 4 p.m. and the parade starts promptly at 8:45 p.m.
- 1.6 As it is impossible to anticipate every situation that may arise, no conduct that violates any statute of the State of Texas or any ordinance of the City of Houston will be tolerated. Any entry violating applicable law will be prohibited from participating in the Pride Parade.

2. Pride Parade Entry Requirements

- 2.1 Perspective entrants must submit a completed 2004 Pride Parade application. All of the applicant's contact information must be complete and verifiable. Questionable contact information will delay or prevent the processing of the application. Once the application is approved, the applicant will be known as a parade entry.
- 2.2 An entry fee must be included with each Pride Parade application. Entry fees vary depending upon the IRS classification of the applying organization. IRS classification will be defined as either "non-profit" or "for-profit" and will be determined by the applying organization's actual tax exemption status.
- 2.3 No Pride Parade entry may solicit money or pledges as it travels the course of the parade route. No Pride Parade entry or other organization may solicit along the parade route during the time span covered by the parade permit of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc.
- 2.4 Any Pride Parade entry that includes any type of participation by a business, identifiable on or in the actual entry, through such elements as signage, specific vehicle, sound announcements, "throw" items or clothing must pay the business entry fee, regardless of the tax status of the official sponsoring organization.
- 2.5 All Pride Parade entries must meet the following requirements:
 - 2.5.1 All vehicles in each Pride Parade entry must be able to navigate the entire parade route and make all turns required without difficulty. All vehicles are required to be in good operating condition. Stalled vehicles will be escorted from the parade route at the nearest intersection.
 - 2.5.2 No vehicle may be longer than 50 feet, higher than 14 feet, or wider than 16 feet. Width of wheelbase may not exceed 12 feet.
 - 2.5.3 No vehicle may have wheels that extend beyond fenders or other guards.
 - 2.5.4 Radiators of all vehicles and floats must remain uncovered to prevent overheating and stalling.
 - 2.5.5 The City of Houston Fire Marshal has ordered that

all motorized and/or illuminated parade entries must carry a "type ABC" fire extinguisher. Parade entries lacking such fire extinguishers, by the start of the parade, will not be allowed to participate.

- 2.5.6 Any Pride Parade entry longer than 50 feet will be assessed an additional \$75 fee. No entry may be longer than 75 feet. The Parade Committee reserves the right to measure any entry if length is questionable. Entries longer than 75 feet will be denied participation in the parade.
- 2.5.7 All units must display some type of lighting, this includes walking units.
- 2.6 All motorized vehicles, in any parade entry, must have no fewer than two people (one on each side) walking as "wheel monitors." The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. recommends one monitor at each wheel.
- 2.7 All floats or units that resemble a float must have exposed wheels covered to incorporate the look of the float; this includes the vehicle pulling the float. The vehicle pulling the float must be decorated to flow with the look of the float entry.
- 2.8 All Pride Parade entries (approved by the Parade Committee for participation) must be positioned and ready to proceed by 7 pm. Entries not "set to go" by 7 pm will be denied participation.
3. Prohibited Entries
 - 3.1 Only registered and approved entries may participate in the Pride Parade. Any individual or group not adhering to set rules or not registered and approved by the Parade Committee of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. will be removed from the parade line by the Houston Police Department and could be subject to arrest (if deemed uncooperative) and/or suspension from future participation.
4. Dress and Behavior Code
 - 4.1 The Parade Committee encourages all participants to appear in appropriate attire and engage in conduct that celebrates true GLBT "Pride." The goal of the Pride Parade is to promote not only pride, but also unity and the appreciation of diversity. No group or individual participant who displays dress or conduct contrary to this ideal will be tolerated. No dress or behavior demeaning to any other group will be tolerated.
 - 4.2 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. encourages all Pride Parade participants to show respect for all genders, ages, races, cultures, lifestyles, faiths, and sexual orientations. All participants are asked to display an attitude that promotes pride in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Participants may not use profanity, obscene gestures or show other improper conduct toward any other group or individual participant or spectator.
 - 4.3 In the event that any individual spectator or group of spectators protests or heckles any individual or group represented in the parade (or the parade as a whole), all parade participants are encouraged to ignore the situation and to refrain from responding in like manner.
 - 4.4 Both realistic and comedic male and female impersonations are welcome in the Pride Parade, providing that such presentations adhere to all rules governing dress and behavior.
 - 4.5 Any apparel worn in the Pride Parade must comply with the obscenity statutes of the State of Texas and the public decency ordinances of the City of Houston. The minimum attire for any participant is no less than square-cut jogging shorts for men and, additionally, a tank top for women. No bikinis, athletic supporters, posing straps, G-strings, bras or panties (worn alone) are permitted to appear in the Pride Parade.
 - 4.6 See-through clothing is not permitted unless the undergarments meet the above requirements for proper attire. For example,

2004 PRIDE PARADE RULES

- those wearing chaps will be required to wear suitable attire underneath to prevent any public exposure of anatomy that would violate Section 43.21 and all other related sections of the Texas Penal Code.
- 4.7 Sexual paraphernalia, real or simulated sex acts, genital or phallic representations are prohibited from the Pride Parade.
 - 4.8 Decisions as to the propriety of any attire being worn or behavior being displayed, in the Pride Parade, may be made by any Parade Committee Chairperson.
 5. Awards
 - 5.1 Awards for exceptional Pride Parade entries will be presented. The type and category of Awards will be determined and published no later than April 1.
 - 5.1.1 All Pride Parade entries will be judged by guests of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. These judges will evaluate entries independently from the Parade Committee or the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. Parade entries will be given an equally allotted amount of time to perform before the judge's review stand.
 - 5.1.2 Except for this brief allotment, all entries should perform and/or move, continuously and consistently, throughout the parade without impeding the flow or progression of the parade. Entries that delay or interrupt the flow of the parade may be disqualified from the award competition and possibly suspended from future Pride Parade participation.
 6. Personal Safety
 - 6.1 All Pride Parade participants should be aware of the possibility of heat exhaustion and/or stroke. Each individual involved in an entry should be made aware of the hazards associated with marching and participating in the Parade. Flashlights, light clothing and reflective tape/decals are strongly encouraged.
 - 6.2 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. does not assume or accept responsibility for the health and well being of any participant.
 7. **Item Distribution ("throws") during the Pride Parade**
 - 7.1 Items to be thrown or distributed during the Pride Parade must have been previously approved by one of the Parade Committee Chairpersons. The only items that will be considered for "throwing" approval are: glow sticks, stress balls, key chains, plastic cups, temporary tattoos, beads, clothing, koozies, and hats.
 - 7.2 No "throw" item will be approved without the prior submission of a sample of said item/items to one of the Parade Committee Chairpersons. Samples may be mailed with the Pride Parade application or brought to the Mandatory Meeting.
 - 7.3 Approval of any and all "throw" items will be confirmed (by any one of the Parade Committee Chairpersons) at the Mandatory Meeting and no items will be approved after that date.
 - 7.4 Any participant in the Pride Parade (and his respective group/entry) discovered throwing items not approved by a Parade Committee chairperson is subject to a charge for clean-up costs and/or suspension from future parade participation.
 - 7.5 No participant in the Pride Parade may throw or distribute condoms, dental dams and/or personal/sensual lubricant, to any person under 17 years of age. The above items may be handed to persons over the age of 17 years, but never randomly "thrown" to the spectators in general.
 - 7.6 No participants in the Pride Parade may distribute sexually explicit or suggestive material.
 - 7.7 Literature, glitter, confetti, streamers, coins, tokens or similar materials may not be "thrown" or distributed by any Pride Parade participant.
 - 7.8 Items thrown or distributed by Pride Parade participants must have some intrinsic value, providing enough enticement for spectators to keep the item rather than tossing it on the ground.
8. **Alcohol and Illegal Substances**
 - 8.1 No participant in the Pride Parade will be permitted to consume alcohol or use illegal or controlled substances during the Parade, nor before or after – at any line up, assembly or disbanding site.
 - 8.2 Any individual under the influence of a prohibited substance will not be allowed to drive any vehicle participating in the Pride Parade. Any participant violating this rule will be ejected from the Parade and his group's entry will be removed from the parade by the Houston Police Department.
 9. **Clean-Up and Trash**

In order to limit clean-up costs and hence entry fees, each entry is required to be equipped with plastic trash bags for depositing trash and litter accumulated by the entry's participants before, during and after the parade. Entries found in violation of this provision are subject to being assessed a portion of the clean-up costs.
 10. **Extreme Weather Policy**
 - 10.1 In the event of extreme weather, including but not limited to rain, the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the Pride Parade. Notice of cancellation will be announced, by the Pride Committee's telephone answering device at 713-529-6979 and through any willing and available media. This announcement will be made no later than two hours before the scheduled line-up time.
 - 10.2 In the event of a cancellation, Pride Parade fees will not be refunded.
 11. **Rule Enforcement and Appeal**
 - 11.1 The above rules and regulations are subject to the interpretation of the Parade Committee Chairpersons and will be enforced by the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc.
 - 11.2 Appeal of any Parade Committee Chairperson's interpretation and/or application of these rules may be made to the President of the Board of Directors of the Pride Committee Houston, Inc., whose decision will be final.
 - 11.3 The Parade Committee Chairpersons and the President of the Board of the Pride Committee of Houston have the right to remove any parade participant for non-compliance to any of the rules stated herein.
 - 11.4 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. retains the right to assess additional repair or clean-up costs to any entry causing damage, generating excessive litter or abandoning refuse.
 - 11.5 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application.
- Fees:**
- \$100 – non-profit organization
 - \$400 – for-profit organization (business) or non-profit with business signage
 - \$100 – each additional non-profit represented by a single parade entry
 - \$ 10 – each animal that could possibly leave waste on the street
 - \$ 75 – any entry with an overall length greater than 50 feet
 - \$100 – for consideration of any parade application postmarked later than 5/31/2004
 - \$60 – charge for throwing or distributing APPROVED items.