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City Addresses Impromptu 4th of July Parades Issues

Granbury, Texas – In response to social media posts by individuals and groups who might attempt to organize their own 4th of July parades, the City of Granbury wants to make sure all individuals are aware that doing so may be a violation.

“First, parades without a permit are prohibited by City Ordinance (*Section 1.07.003*) and the City is not issuing any permits due to the current COVID 19 outbreak,” said Granbury Chief of Police Mitch Galvan.

“Second, it is a Class “B” misdemeanor to unlawfully obstruct a highway or other passageway therefore if someone was to stop traffic for the parade, they could be arrested for doing so,” he continued.

“Third, there are several possible traffic violations that could occur. One being that it is a violation to drive so slowly as to impede the normal and reasonable flow of traffic; and the other being that it is a violation for anyone to operate an open bed pickup truck, or an open flatbed truck, or pull any open flatbed trailer while a child under 18 years of age is occupying the bed of said truck or trailer. Others could include:

- failing to drive in designated lanes of travel,
- pedestrians walking in roadway, and
- Littering

The Granbury Police Department wants everyone to enjoy celebrating the upcoming Independence Day weekend and hopes everyone does so safely and without breaking the law.

Questions regarding these issues should be forwarded to the Granbury Police Department at granburypd@granbury.org or 817-573-2648. Granbury Public Information Officer Alex Southern is available at asouthern@granbury.org or 817-573-6764.

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