

Christmas in Tyler County Use of the Tyler County Courthouse Agreement/Policy

Agreement between Tyler County and the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce.

Effective Date of Agreement: Immediately (November 15, 2021 – Pending Commissioner's Court Approval)

Expiration: Open – or until either party decides to leave the agreement.

Details:

Christmas in Tyler County is a County-Wide event that is traditionally held on grounds of the Tyler County Courthouse. The annual event is held the first full weekend of December. The event takes place on and around a fully decorated courthouse – inside and out. Per the guidelines set by correspondence from the Texas Historical Commission the decorations allowed would be as follows:

- 1) Use of the hooks currently in the windows (no new hooks to be installed) to hang wreaths. In the absence of the hooks, command or suction cups are permissible.
- 2) Lights wrapped around the 27 trees (from the ground up 4ft.). Held in place by ribbon, string or other non-intrusive methods - not putting anything in the tree itself.
- 3) Hanging a garland on the front of the staircase as well as wrap the two lampstands on the second floor with garland - using command hooks, suction cups, ribbon or other non-intrusive methods to secure the garland.
- 4) Wrapping the handrails facing the major highway w/garland.
- 5) One the two cement areas w/seating wrap the rails w/garland.
- 6) Use of suction cups or command hooks on the inside for décor.
- 7) Use of the electrical outlets for the vendor booths.

See attached correspondence from Texas Historical Commission and the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce.

Tyler County Chamber of Commerce

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Woodville, TX 75979



"With Tyler County Businesses as our Main Focus."

October 21, 2021

Texas Historical Commission
Attn: James Malanaphy
James.Malanaphy@thc.texas.gov
Austin, Texas

Tyler County Historical Commission
Attn: Vice-Chairman, Chuck Davidson
PO Box 777
Woodville, TX 75979

Re: Christmas in Tyler County

Dear Respective Historical Commission Offices,

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce is well into the planning phases of the annual **Christmas in Tyler County** event. Each year, with the exception of the last two, due to extenuating circumstances beyond our control, this event has taken place on the courthouse lawn and is centered around our decorated courthouse. It has come to our attention that use of the Courthouse in these traditional events may be limited or even restricted due to the recently completed rehabilitation efforts.

Before we move forward, I am requesting a clarification on my concerns. Specifically, will the County be able to decorated the courthouse, as has been our county's tradition for more years than I can remember? I understand a limitation on what can actually be attached to the building itself, and even how it can be attached, but what are the guidelines for such decorations?

It is imperative that our Courthouse reflect the Christmas season and the spirit of our county. Our citizens are expecting to be able to attend this traditional event on our courthouse lawn, in front of and around a fully decorated courthouse. Our event is scheduled for the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Preparations will need to begin immediately. With these things in mind, I am asking for consideration for

this clarification sooner rather than later. I appreciate your time and attention and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

Leann Monk,
President, Tyler Chamber of Commerce

cc: The Honorable Steven Sturrock, Commissioner, Pct. 2
203 N. Charlton
Woodville, Texas 75979



Leann Monk <leannmonk@gmail.com>

Tyler County Chamber of Commerce Christmas in Tyler County

James Malanaphy, AIA <James.Malanaphy@thc.texas.gov>
To: Leann Monk <leannmonk@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 4:40 PM

Thank you Ms. Monk,

All these decoration ideas seem to be appropriate. Thank you for taking care to avoid damaging the courthouse.

James

James Malanaphy, AIA

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Tyler County Chamber of Commerce Christmas in Tyler County

Leann Monk <leannmonk@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 10:29 AM

To: "James Malanaphy, AIA" <James.Malanaphy@thc.texas.gov>

Good morning Mr. Malanaphy,

Thank you for your response, and I agree, you will need our plan before you can make any clarification - I apologize for not sending that information to start with. I have included photos of our courthouse to show what we have in mind.

- 1) My main question is - (photo of window) - these windows have hooks in them from many, many years ago. Can we still use them? We have traditionally hung wreaths on them and would like to do so again. If not, would we be able to use something like command hooks or suction cups?
- 2) We'd like to wrap lights around the 27 trees (from the ground up 4ft.) (1 tree shown). We will hold the lights in place by ribbon, not putting anything in the tree itself.
- 3) We'd like to hang a garland on the front of the staircase as we've done traditionally before. We'd also like to wrap the two lampstands at the top with garland as well. Could we use command hooks or ribbon to hold the garland in place?
- 4) We'd like to wrap the handrails facing the major highway w/garland.
- 5) There are two cement areas w/seating. We'd like to wrap the rails w/garland there too.
- 6) Can we use suction cups or command hooks on the inside?

We do not plan to put anything else on the courthouse itself. Just things in and around the buildings that have traditionally been a part of our annual celebration. But the things I listed are things we've done year after year and would like to find a way to continue. I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration in this time honored tradition for Tyler County.

Leann Monk

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Leann Monk
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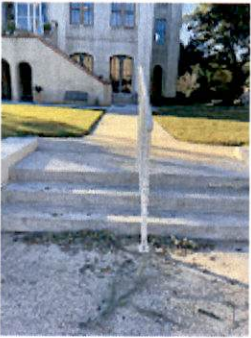


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front of the courthouse.jpg
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27 Trees.jpg
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Tyler County Chamber of Commerce Christmas in Tyler County

Leann Monk <leannmonk@gmail.com>
To: James.Malanaphy@thc.texas.gov

Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 1:17 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Malanaphy,

Please find the attached letter as it pertains to the usage of the Courthouse in our upcoming Christmas in Tyler County event. I would sincerely appreciate your time in reviewing my request for clarification on the usage so that we can move forward on our annual event.

Respectfully,

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Leann Monk
President, Tyler County Chamber of Commerce
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