

Religious Holiday Display Policy

The City of Bellaire may permit displays associated with a religious holiday on City property only within Paseo Park at the locations depicted on Exhibit “A”, attached. Permits shall be granted on a non-discriminatory basis, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. No display shall be allowed unless a permit for the display has first been issued by the City’s Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department.
2. Permits must be applied for at least 4 weeks before any display is to be erected but may not be applied for more than 180 calendar days in advance.
3. Permits shall only be issued to Bellaire based non-profit organizations with a physical or registered address within the City.
4. Permittees are limited to one permit per calendar year and no more than two permits shall be issued for the same time period. An exception will be made to allow an additional permit if a holiday falls twice in the same calendar year.
5. Permits shall be for a period limited to the duration of the religious holiday not to exceed 43 calendar days. Displays may be set up the weekend before the holiday and must be removed by the weekend following its conclusion.
6. The display must not be greater in size than ten feet wide by ten feet tall.
7. The display may be illuminated; however, any lighting must comply with the City’s light ordinance and no moving or flashing lights will be permitted.
8. The display must include an 18 inch by 24 inch sign indicating the sponsor of the display.
9. Permittees may not cordon off the display or otherwise install anything that would interfere with normal park maintenance.
10. A deposit of \$500.00 must be paid to the City before any display is erected to ensure timely removal of the display. If the display is not removed within two days after the permit period, the deposit will be forfeited and the City will remove the display and will hold the display for five days. The City shall not be responsible for any damage to the display associated with its removal and if the display has not been picked-up after five days, the City shall dispose of the display.
11. In no event shall the City be responsible for maintenance of the display or for any damage to or theft of the display while it is on City property. The display is erected at the sponsor’s sole risk.

Exhibit "A"
Religious Display Location Options

