

## Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of Montgomery, Alabama

### Clear Bag Policy

The Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of Montgomery, Alabama has instituted a "Clear Bag Policy." The Clear Bag Policy requires attendees of City Events to use clear bags to bring in their belongings. The purpose of the policy aims is to prevent hazardous items from entering the event or program venue or space. Clear bags must generally have transparent material that security personnel can easily search.

### Why Is the Policy Important?

Security is of the utmost importance to the City of Montgomery when large crowds gather for City Events. Anything can happen in public settings, so taking the necessary precautions is important. A clear bag policy is important because it helps reduce the risk of security threats by enabling security officials to quickly search bags without hindering the flow of people coming into or leaving the venue.

### Clear Bag Requirements:

- Only **clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags** are approved, including diaper, backpacks, handbags, cinch, purses, cross fit, fanny packs, and plastic freezer
- There should be no **colored or tinted designs** that may obstruct the view of the contents inside
- No **logos, buckles, grommets, hardware or décor** can be concealing any part of the bag
- **Weapons, sharp objects, non-clear bags and drugs** are prohibited
- **Every member** of a group is entitled to bring a permissible bag

### Exception:

- The exception to this policy will be made for all **medically necessary items**
- Security will be present at event or program entrances to **screen the bags and medically necessary items**
- Once items pass security screening, **guests may bring medically necessary items** into the event, program, or venue

### Other City Events Entry Requirements:

- **Blankets** will need to be tossed over a shoulder or arm to go through screening
- **Folding chairs** will be searched
- An **adult must accompany minor children** (ages 17 and under)
- One (1) **adult is required for every four** (4) minor children
- **Appropriate** attire (see Dress Code Enforcement)

### Dress Code Enforcement

To maintain a respectful and family-friendly atmosphere, the City of Montgomery enforces a strict **Dress Code** at City Events, and all attendees are expected to adhere to the guidelines.

#### Guests must be:

- **Fully clothed** and **wear shoes**
- Clothing should not display **offensive, inappropriate or vulgar language or imagery**
- Clothing **must cover essential body parts** and should not be too revealing or provocative

#### Guests Can Be Turned Away for the Following:

- Carrying bags that **do not meet** policy criteria
- **Not having an adult chaperone** to accompany minor children

- **Not having enough adults** to accompany a group of over four (4) children
- **Having prohibited items** in bag or on your person
- Wearing clothing that **does not adhere** to the Dress Code
- Visible **impairment** or **intoxication from drugs and/or alcohol**

## **Crowd Release Notice**

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**Please create general shorter a-frame versions for city events that have the City's Cultural Affairs logo at the top (see attached):**

## **EVENT RULES & GUIDELINES**

To ensure a safe and fun event for all, the City of Montgomery requires the following:

- Attendees must go through a security check
- Only clear bags can be admitted
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Appropriate attire must be worn
- No underage drinking, illegal drugs or weapons are allowed
- City of Montgomery property cannot be removed
- To learn more, visit [enjoymgm.com](http://enjoymgm.com)

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