



CITY OF DIXON
Engineering Department
Transportation Permit Conditions
(Must be attached to permit at all times)

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Authority:

Under the appropriate authority of Division 15, Chapter 5, Article 6 of the California Vehicle Code (C.V.C.), the City of Dixon (City) may, at its discretion, issue transportation permits to (1) operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load and (2) move a manufactured home exceeding the height, width, length and weight limits specified in the C.V.C. Except as specifically provided herein and in the Transportation Permits Manual of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the requirements of the C.V.C., including vehicle registration requirements, signing requirements (C.V.C. Section 27900), and other applicable laws, must be complied with in all cases.

A. Responsibility of the Permittee:

The permittee shall be knowledgeable and in compliance with all applicable California conditions, requirements and laws for the use of the roadways and, in particular, movement of extralegal vehicles and/or loads.

B. Possession of Transportation Permit:

This transportation permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is being moved within the City limits, and shall be open to inspection by any peace officer, traffic officer, authorized agent of the Engineering Department, or any other officer or employee charged with the care and protection of the City roadways (C.V.C. Section 35783).

C. Validity of Transportation Permit

This transportation permit is valid only for movement on the City roadways and overcrossings under the jurisdiction of the City as identified by this permit and on alternate routes and detours, as approved in writing by the Engineering Department. Solano County and/or Caltrans permits, where appropriate, shall be secured for travel on roads and streets under their respective jurisdictions.

D. Void Transportation Permit

This transportation permit is null and void and hereby declared nonexistent:

1. **If any portion, part or section the permit is illegible;**
2. If the permit is not signed by an authorized representative of the Engineering Department;
3. If any portion, part or section of the permit has been altered or if an attempt to alter is apparent;
4. Annual permits are allowed only in the original form (no reproduced copies are allowed);
5. If the permit is used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle not specifically described on the face of the permit;
6. If the permit is used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle by any person, company, organization or other entity not specifically named or organizationally related to the person, company, organization or other entity to which the permit was issued;
7. If presented without the permit attachments firmly affixed that are specifically named and required upon the face of the permit;
8. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle before and/or after the time and dates authorized;
9. If the permit has been cancelled pursuant to these conditions (i.e. due to failure to file required reports).

E. Permittee Agreement

Acceptance of this transportation permit constitutes agreement by the permittee to observe and comply with all of the general and specific conditions of the permit and attachments thereto.

F. Verification

The use of this transportation permit is prima facie evidence that the driver of the load and/or vehicle subject to the permit has checked the load and/or vehicle and knows it is to be within the limits as set forth herein and **has verified the routing accuracy**. The vehicle and/or load authorized under this permit is subject to inspection by representatives of the Engineering Department and costs of such inspection shall be paid by the permittee.

G. Repair of Damage

Acceptance of this transportation permit constitutes agreement by the permittee to repair, at his/her/its own expense and to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department, any damage to highway appurtenances or structures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, work or repair of such damage may be done by the City at the option of the City Engineer, the cost to be paid by the permittee. In the event of damage to City roadway facilities such as bridges, traffic signals, light standards, and other appurtenances, the permittee shall file a written report with the Engineering Department within 72 hours after such damage has been done. Failure to file this

report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the City for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.

H. Collision Reporting

Collisions/accidents occurring while operating under this transportation permit and requiring a report to be filed with the Department of Motor Vehicles under C.V.C. Section 16000, shall also be reported to the City. A copy of the permit and collision report shall be mailed within 30 days of the date of the collision to City of Dixon, Attention Engineering Department, 600 East A Street, Dixon Ca 95620. Failure to mail these copies will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges.

I. Liabilities

The permittee shall be responsible for all liability for injury to, or death of any person, or damage to all property which may occur through any act or omission of either the permittee or the City arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event of any claim, suit or action is brought against the City, its officers, employees or agents thereof, by reason of, or in connection with any such act or omission, permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees or agents for such claim, suit or action.

J. Overhead Clearance

When height of a load exceeds the legal limit, it shall be the responsibility of the permittee to check all underpasses, bridges, overhead wires, other structures for impaired vertical clearance, and to bypass or arrange clearance at such locations before commencing travel.

K. Reducible Loads

This transportation permit is issued for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined in the C.V.C. Section 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions.

This permit shall be automatically cancelled if the permitted dimensions and weight can be reduced to legal limits by repositioning and/or practical removal of a part, portion, or unit therefrom.

Other items may be hauled provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted load for which this permit was issued and the loaded vehicle is within legal limits for axle and gross weights.

Transportation permits for vehicle or loads exceeding legal height limits shall not be issued for items transported on a conventional flat deck trailer, unless the deck is needed to support a long fragile load or a long load that would cause unbalanced axle group weights.

L. Tire Capacity

Tires on permitted vehicles shall comply with Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 1085. Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity marked on the tire sidewall.

M. Booster Type Axles

A booster axle is an axle having an air or hydraulic cylinder suspension system that can be actuated independently to assume a portion of the weight that would otherwise be carried by adjacent axles. Booster axles an add-on or "Joe Dog" axles shall not be used in the movement of loads exceeding the legal weight limits.

N. Lane Use

Where practical, the vehicle shall be kept in the far right lane of the roadway and shall not encroach on roadway shoulders, except where necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass.

O. Movement During Darkness

"Darkness" is defined in Section 280 of the C.V.C. as being "...any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise..." Reference to "sunset" and/or "sunrise" on the face of the transportation permit includes this one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and sunset. Movement is not allowed when visibility is less than 1000 feet.

P. Holiday Movement

Unless otherwise authorized on the face of this transportation permit, movement is prohibited on the following holidays (or any of these holidays falling on a weekend and celebrated on a weekday):

New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (third Monday in January); President's Day (third Monday in February); Memorial Day (fourth Monday in May); July 4th; Labor Day (first Monday in September); Veteran's Day (second Tuesday in November); Thanksgiving Day; the day after Thanksgiving Day; December 25th (Christmas Day).

When one of the above listed holidays falls on Monday or Friday, movement pursuant to a permit shall not be allowed on the holiday nor the immediately preceding or following weekend, unless otherwise authorized on the face of the permit.

Restriction of permitted time(s) of movement may be imposed on certain roadways where, due to a holiday, a substantial increase in traffic volume is recorded. Alternate routes should be used where available.

Q. Moving in Inclement Weather

Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain, or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet. Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow, frost, or when use of tire chains is mandatory. No movement shall be done when the velocity of the wind is such that it causes the vehicle being towed to whip or swerve from side to side or fail to follow substantially in the path of the towing vehicle. Any accident caused by excessive wind or weather conditions shall be considered a prima facie violation of this condition.

R. Movement in Convoy

Movement in convoy shall not be permitted, unless specified on the face of the permit.

S. Warning Signs

All loads or vehicles exceeding eight feet six inches (8'6") in width, eighty feet (80') in length, or ten feet (10') of overhang shall display appropriate warning signs.

Signs shall be posted on the front and rear of the vehicle and shall read "LONG LOAD" or "OVERSIZE." The "LONG LOAD" sign shall be used whenever overall length exceeds 100 feet. The "OVERSIZE" sign shall be used for shorter lengths and other oversize features. The more definitive signs reading "WIDE LOAD," "LONG LOAD," "OVERSIZE LOAD," "EXCESSIVE FRONT OVERHANG" or "EXCESSIVE REAR OVERHANG" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The "LONG LOAD" sign shall have preference when length exceeds one hundred feet (100') and other oversize features exist. The lettering shall be a minimum height of ten inches (10") with a one and five-eighths inch(1-5/8") minimum brush stroke, and a minimum one inch (1") margin all around. All signs shall be black letters on a yellow background, mounted at least eighteen (18) inches above the road surface in the front and rear. Signs shall be neat, clean, legible, mounted securely, and visible from straight ahead or behind and to forty-five degrees (45°) on either side thereof.

T. Pilot Cars and Flags

1. Pilot Cars and Equipment

It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that pilot cars and operators are equipped and briefed as to their duties prior to movement. Pilot cars shall be single vehicles with a minimum of sixty inches (60") in width and may operate with a nondestructive vertical clearance measuring device with height in excess of fourteen feet (14').

Pilot cars shall each be equipped with:

- a. One stop/slow sign paddle;

- b. One orange vest, shirt, or jacket;
- c. One red hand flag (18" x 18" minimum);
- d. A two-way radio for communication between the pilot car(s) and the transporting vehicle;
- e. Top-mounted, flashing amber warning light(s). The light(s) shall be visible to the front when leading and to the rear when following and shall be operated at all times when escorting a permittee. The warning light(s) shall be removed or covered with opaque material when the pilot car is not escorting the movement described on the permit (C.V.C. Section 25270).
- f. Neat, clean and legible signs visible from straight ahead or behind and to forty-five degrees (45°) on either side thereof. The bottom of the sign(s) shall be a minimum of forty-eight inches (48") above the ground. The sign shall read "OVERSIZE" when viewed from the front or rear of the vehicle. The more definitive signs reading "OVERSIZE LOAD," "WIDE LOAD," or "LONG LOAD" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The sign shall have a bright yellow background with black lettering and have a minimum projected area of 440 square inches. The lettering shall have a one inch (1") minimum brush stroke with a six inch (6") minimum projected letter height.

2. Pilot Car Location and Responsibility

Pilot car(s) are required on all City roadways, unless otherwise noted on the face of the transportation permit.

A pilot car shall:

- a. Precede the load/vehicle on two or three lane conventional roads and follow on four or more lane conventional roadways and divided roadways. When two pilot cars are required, one shall precede and one shall follow;
- b. Remain right of the centerline of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the roadway. The use of a pilot car does not grant the permittee the right to obstruct the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary, because of physical limitations of the roadway, to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the permittee shall not occupy that lane until it has been advised by the pilot car that the lane is clear of all on-coming traffic. Opposing traffic shall not be stopped, except in extreme emergencies. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding; and
- c. Maintain a proper distance between the load/vehicle and pilot car to allow passing by other traffic.

A pilot car shall not:

- a. Obstruct opposing traffic, except as provided above;
- b. Tow another vehicle while being used as a pilot car;
- c. Display the STOP/SLOW sign paddle out of the window of a moving vehicle;
- d. Stop opposing traffic, except in extreme emergencies;
- e. Convoy more than one load at the same time; and

3. Flags

When necessary to post a flagger in order to warn and direct traffic, the flagging shall be done in accordance with the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4 (Construction Safety Orders), Article 11, Sections 1598 and 1599 and Part 6 of the Caltrans "California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" (CA MUTCD). Flaggers shall not be less than 18 years of age.

U. Manufactured Homes Axle Weight

Axle weights for moving manufactured homes, as defined in C.V.C. Section 387, shall not exceed 6,000 lbs. per axle.

V. Manufactured Homes — Tow Vehicle

Tractor units towing manufactured homes, as defined in C.V.C. Section 387, that exceed the legal width limit up to twelve feet (12') shall be equipped with dual rear wheels and shall have an unladen weight, as defined in C.V.C. Section 660, of not less than 6,500 lbs.

Tractor units towing manufactured homes exceeding twelve feet (12') in width shall be equipped as required above with an unladen weight, as defined in C.V.C. Section 660, of not less than 9,500 lbs.

W. Open Side Covering

Open sided units shall be covered by plywood, hard board, or other rigid material. In lieu of rigid material, suitable plastics, or other flexible material may be used. Billowing or flapping of plastic or flexible side covering in excess of five inches (5") in any one place shall not be permitted.

Units open on both sides, such as used for temporary schools, warehouses, offices, etc. may be moved empty with no side coverings.

X. Tow Cars

Disabled vehicles or combination of vehicles, may be towed on City roadways to the nearest appropriate place of repair, or to the nearest secure storage area that is appropriate for the vehicle or load, whichever is closest and most accessible. It is not the intent of this permit to allow disabled vehicles or combination of vehicles to be towed to their ultimate destination for convenience, unless that destination meets the above criteria.

Disabled vehicles or combination of vehicles, when connected to a tow car may exceed the legal limits for gross weight. When one end of a truck or truck tractor of a legal weight is elevated by a tow car, the drive axles, the tow car and/or the drive axle or axles of the disabled vehicle may exceed legal axle or axle group weight limitations. If any axle or axle group exceeds legal weight limitations, movement is limited to the routes of area shown on the attachment of the permit.

Y. Towing Permit Loads and/or Vehicles

Disabled vehicles or combination of vehicles whose movement is authorized by a transportation permit may only be moved at the directions of a peace officer or single trip permit issued by the City. Any disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles, which because of damage that has been incurred to distort the vehicle or load causing the legal size and/or weight limits to be exceeded, may only be moved at the directions of a peace officer or single trip permit issued by the City.

Z. Permit Movement

The movement of loads and/or vehicles within the City exceeding ten feet (10') in width is not allowed Monday through Friday during the hours indicated on the face of the permit.