

## **Overweight/Oversize Permit Application**

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Standard Conditions: See Attached

## **Overweight/Oversize Permit General Provisions**

**AGREEMENT:** The acceptance of the permit by the grantee constitutes an agreement that the movement will be made strictly in compliance with the terms set forth in the permit and the applicable provisions of the Town Code.

**JURISDICTIONS:** The permit is effective only insofar as the Town has jurisdiction and does not release the grantee from complying with other existing laws that may apply to the movement.

**PERMITS ARE FOR ONE USE:** Permitted move is valid for only the one piece of equipment or object as specified on the permit. Single trip permits are valid for one trip over the streets and during the dates specified.

**OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS:** An overweight permit authorizes the movement of a vehicle or a reasonably disassembled single object loaded on a vehicle combination. No axle loads are permitted over 25,000 pounds.

**LOCATIONS WHERE PERMIT IS NOT VALID:** The permit is not valid on any street or bridge posted for a load limit less than the gross weight of the move, on any street closed to traffic, and on any street not maintained by the Town of Normal. The permittee must obtain permission from other jurisdictions to use state or county highways.

**AUTHORIZED TIMES OF MOVEMENT:** Movements are authorized from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset Monday through Friday, and from one half hour before sunrise until noon, Saturday. Movements are further restricted on specified holidays, beginning at noon the day preceding the holiday or the holiday weekend. The specified holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are allowed 24 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week movement.

ROADWAY CONDITIONS: Move shall not be made when the street is covered in snow or ice.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** When visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog or at any time travel conditions are considered to be unsafe by the Town, County or State Police, the police may direct or escort a vehicle off the roadway to a place of safety.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING MOVEMENT:** Insofar as practicable, movements shall be confined to a single traffic lane and shall be made in such a manner that the rest of the roadway will be open at all times so the flow of other traffic will not unnecessarily be obstructed. Also, insofar as practicable, other traffic will be given the right-of-way over this movement. The driver shall remove the vehicle from the roadway when necessary to allow an accumulation of traffic to pass or when so directed by a police officer.

**SPEED:** Maximum speed shall be 45 mph on all permit movements or 5 mph above the minimum posted speed limit, **EXCEPT** when otherwise specified in the permit. Legal weight, legal height movements up to and including 10 feet wide are allowed to travel at the legal maximum speed limit.

**LEGAL HEIGHT MOVEMENTS:** Permit authority is not required for the movement of vehicle(s), inclusive of load, not exceeding the legal height limitation of 13 feet 6 inches as established in Chapter 15, The Illinois Vehicle Code. Therefore, no action is taken by the Town, either separately or in conjunction with authorizing an otherwise oversize or overweight movement, to ensure adequate clearance of structures for a vehicle(s), inclusive of load, not exceeding 13 feet 6 inches overall height.

**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIABILITY:** The grantee assumes all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including his own, caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of vehicles or vehicles and objects authorized under this permit. The grantee agrees to hold the Town of Normal harmless from all suits, claims, damages or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the town of Normal for any claim it may be required to pay arising from the movement.

**LIABILITY INSURANCE:** Owners and/or operators of escort vehicles or vehicles with oversize loads exceeding 10 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, 110 feet in length or overweight must have in effect or be self-insured in the minimum amount of \$500,000 per occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage.

**FLASHING OR ROTATING AMBER LIGHT:** All loads must display an operable oscillating, rotating or flashing amber light when moving under oversize/overweight permit authority. If the load blocks visibility of the amber light from the rear, a light must be displayed at the rear of the vehicle.

**RED FLAGS:** The extremities of all oversize vehicles, vehicle combinations or loads, and all protruding objects shall be marked with clean red flags not less than 18 inches square.

**OVERSIZE LOAD SIGNS:** "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on the front and rear of vehicles for loads over 10 feet wide, 14 feet 6 inches high, or 75 feet long.

**ESCORT VEHICLES:** One escort vehicle will be required on all loads more than 14 feet 6 inches high. A pole for measuring vertical clearances shall be mounted on the lead escort vehicle for moves in excess of 14 feet 6 inches in height. An escort vehicle may be a passenger car, or a second division vehicle not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8000 pounds that is designed to afford clear and unobstructed vision both front and rear. Escort vehicles shall display red flags at the extremities, display "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs, be equipped with an operating or flashing amber light mounted on top and be operated by properly licensed operators at least 18 years of age. The driver of the escort vehicle must be in radio contact with the driver of the permit vehicle.

Disclaimer: In issuing the permit for oversize movements, it is the responsibility of the permittee to verify that clearances along the route specified are adequate for the move. It is also the responsibility of the permittee, when not in conformance with Section 5/11-1203(a) of the Vehicle Code, to inspect all railroad grade crossings for clearance along the permitted route prior to a move. The permittee waives liability of the Town should posted height or width or railroad grade crossing clearance prove inadequate, assumes sole responsibility, and indemnifies the Town for damages.

## VIOLATION OF PERMIT: A CLARIFICATION OF 625 ILCS 5/15-301(h)

When operating under authority of an oversize/overweight permit issued by the Town of Normal, the following list of offenses shall be considered a **violation of permit** and will not render the entire permit null and void: 1) Incorrect license number or state. 2) Incorrect make, model, description or serial number. 3) Incorrect number of axles. 4) Gross, tandem or single axle weights that are in excess of those permitted. In this instance, the violator may be fined for the excess weight in addition to the violation of permit. 5) Incorrect width, length and/or height of the permit load. 6) Failure to comply with general conditions, specific provisions, and notes listed on the permit.

This list is not comprehensive but reflects the most prevalent instances of Violation of Permit. Under a violation of permit, the permittee must either bring the permit load into conformation with the conditions of the permit or purchase a new permit before continuing.

**BAIL REQUIRED:** If found in violation of this permit by Law Enforcement, bail will be collected as cash, money order, cashier check, or COMDATA ComChek in accordance to Supreme Court Rule 526(b).

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 4. To ensure the safety of other traffic: (a) One escort vehicle shall be provided. (b) Two escort vehicles shall be provided and a height pole shall be mounted on the lead vehicle. (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_ escort vehicles shall be provided. (d) One escort vehicle equipped with a height pole set three inches above permitted load height shall precede the load.
- 5. Booms on cranes and similar construction equipment shall be adequately secured to prevent movement while in transit.