



## SPECIAL VEHICLE MOVEMENT PERMIT PROVISIONS

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**READ YOUR PERMIT BEFORE STARTING YOUR MOVE.** If you find the permit does not cover the move, is incorrect or in error, contact Will County Division of Transportation (WCDOT) prior to starting the move. Undertaking the move is prima facie evidence of acceptance of the permit.

**THIS FORM IS PART OF YOUR PERMIT:** The conditions and restrictions listed in this form govern the movement of vehicles or objects authorized by a written permit issued by WCDOT under Section 15-301, of The Illinois Vehicle Code (the Code). The conditions and restrictions specified are a part of the permit as though written in detail in the transmittal.

**PERMIT TO ACCOMPANY MOVEMENT:** The driver of the vehicle shall have the permit, in written form only, in their possession during the movement and shall show said permit, on demand, to any police officer or authorized employee of WCDOT. The permit covers only the person or firm designated as permittee and is not transferable.

**AGREEMENT:** The acceptance of the permit by the permittee 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 IDOT's Policy Book available online at [www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/Oversize-and-Overweight-Permits/index](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/Oversize-and-Overweight-Permits/index) (click on Resources in middle of page and then click on Rules, Regulations, and Fees), with the following exceptions: Limited Continuous Operation permits are limited to Oversize (quarterly), bulk grain produced in Will County and transported from a farm to a first point of storage or sale (20 calendar days); apply for and receive permits by fax or in person at WCDOT; billing and payment every 30 days, except permits for Containers for International Shipping whereby payment is required prior to approval.

**AUTHORIZED TIMES OF MOVEMENT:** Over dimension permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 14'6" wide, 15' high, 145' long are authorized to move from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset, 7 days a week. Over dimension permit loads with dimensions greater than 12' wide, 13'6" high, 115' long are authorized from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset Monday through Friday, and from ½ hour before sunrise until noon, Saturday (unless specified otherwise on the provision sheet or permit). Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are allowed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week movement. Movements are further restricted on specific holidays and holiday weekends (see [www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/Oversize-and-Overweight-Permits/index](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/Oversize-and-Overweight-Permits/index) (click on Additional Contacts in middle of page and then click on IDOT OSOW Permit Office Contact Information for details).

**AXLE SPACINGS:** The spacing requirements for all overweight loaded routine & superload permits, as well as, all towed routine permits are as follows: the spacing between the steer axle & the first axle on the tractor tandem may not be less than 8' 1"; the spacing before the first axle of the trailer may not be less than 18' 6"; the sum of all axle spacings must be at least 43' 6". All towed permits that do not meet these minimum spacing requirements will be processed within WCDOT as a superload permit.

**CONTAINERS FOR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING:** To be considered a non-divisible load and eligible to be hauled under a WCDOT OS/OW permit, a shipping container must be sealed for international shipment and in route for import or export to/from a foreign country. Upon request from law enforcement, the driver must present documentation, such as a bill of lading or manifest that specifically ties the container being moved to the container listed in the documentation through the unique container number (consists of 4 letters and 7 numbers). The documentation must also clearly state the foreign country destination or origin of that container. Failure to produce such documentation may result in the load being considered a divisible load and ineligible to be permitted by WCDOT. As a result, the load may be considered to be running without a permit and subject to be fined back to legal weight.

**DISCLAIMER:** Due to variations in length of vehicles, inclines, curve radii, and other road conditions and factors, the Division does not guarantee and the permittee cannot assume the posted height or width is adequate for the movement. It is also the sole responsibility of the permittee, when not in conformance with Section 5/11-1203(a) of the Code, to inspect all railroad grade crossings for clearance along the permitted route prior to a move. Said permittee assumes sole liability should posted height or width or railroad grade crossing clearances prove inadequate. WCDOT may require indemnification from said permittee for any and all damages or claims incurred from inadequate clearance.

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

**HIGHWAY CONDITIONS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Moves shall not be made when highway is covered with snow or ice, or when visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog, or at any time travel conditions are considered to be unsafe. To view road conditions go to [www.gettingaroundillinois.com/](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/) and click on winter road conditions link.

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

**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' 6" as established in Chapter 15 of the IVC. Therefore, no action is taken by WCDOT, 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' 6" overall height.

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



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**LOCATIONS WHERE PERMIT IS NOT VALID:** The permit is not valid on any highway or bridge posted for a load limit less than the gross weight of the move, on any highway closed to traffic, and on any highway not maintained by WCDOT. The right to use highways other than those specified is neither implied nor granted for non-WCDOT jurisdiction routes. The permittee must obtain permission from the proper State or local authority to use State highways or local streets or from the Illinois Tollway if traveling over the Tollway.

**NON-DIVISIBLE LOADS:** Permits are only valid for non-divisible loads or vehicles, as defined in the Code. Multiple objects shall not be loaded in such a way that causes the legal weight, height, width, and length laws to be exceeded.

**OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS:** An overweight permit authorizes the movement of a vehicle or a reasonably disassembled single object loaded on a vehicle combination. The object may include an attachment; however, it must be securely mounted on the object being moved. The attachment may not be hauled as a separate object on the vehicle combination.

**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIABILITY:** The permittee 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 permittee agrees to hold the County of Will harmless from all suits, claims, damages or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the County of Will for any claim it may be required to pay arising from the movement.

### **RESTRICTIONS FOR IDOT AND ILLINOIS TOLL AUTHORITY BRIDGES:**

Bridges over Interstate Highways are the jurisdiction of the IDOT, bridges over Illinois Tollway are the jurisdiction of the Illinois Toll Authority (630-241-6800). A listing of structures crossing the toll roads can be found online at [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com) under the Obstructions and Restrictions Map or a listing is available at [www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/Oversize-and-Overweight-Permits/index](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/Oversize-and-Overweight-Permits/index) (click on Resources in middle of page and then click on Oversize/Overweight)

**RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS:** All movements made under authority of permits not specifying routes shall exercise due caution to prevent unauthorized use of any structure, highway, temporary route detour, runaround or turnaround. Posted max width, height, speed, gross weight or other restrictions shall be observed.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING MOVEMENT:** Insofar as practicable, movements shall be confined to a single 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 5 m.p.h. below the 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.

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

When operating under authority of an oversize/overweight permit issued by WCDOT, 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. (Exception: Failure to comply with the general and specific provisions and notes pertaining to minimum axle spacing, as described on the permit application and accompanying permit will be deemed fraudulent in accordance with Section 554.212 of IDOT online Policy Book.)

This list is not comprehensive, but reflects the most prevalent instances of Violation of Permit. Under 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.

### **OVERDIMENSION PROVISIONS**

#### **ESCORT VEHICLES:**

Civilian escorts and Will County Sheriff's Police escorts may be required for any movement that exceeds legal dimensions as follows: 1) exceed 8'6" wide, or 2) exceed 13'6" high, or 3) exceed 55' long. The roadway geometrics and length of haul will be considered. As an absolute minimum, the following will be required:

**One civilian escort** is required for all moves that 1) exceed 14' 6" wide, or 2) exceed 14' 6" high, or 3) exceed 110' long.

**Two civilian escorts**, one in front of the load and one behind, are required for all moves that have a combination of two or more of the following; dimensions: 1) exceed 14' 6" wide, or 2) exceed 14' 6" high, or 3) exceed 110' long.

**Three civilian escorts** are required for all moves that 1) exceed 16' wide, or 2) exceed 145' long or if the load 3) exceeds 18' high.

**Will County Sheriff's Police escorts** are required for all moves that 1) exceed 18' high, or 2) exceed 18' wide, or 3) exceed 200' long and must be set up 24 hours before moving.

For all escort requirements see Sections 554.407 and 554.408 in the IDOT Policy Book.

#### **EXCEPTIONS TO LEGAL LIMITATIONS:**

**Length Limitation Exceptions:** Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100 feet and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be transported unless a permit has been obtained as authorized in Section 15-301 of the Code.



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**Width Limitation Exceptions:** 1) Loads of Hay, Straw or other similar farm products provided that the load is not more than 12 feet wide. 2) Implements of Husbandry, as defined in the Code, being transported on another vehicle and the transported vehicle while loaded are exempt from width limitations.

**HOUSE TRAILERS:** The overall width of the house trailer includes doorknobs, awnings, or any other attachments. The towing unit of house trailers over 8' but not more than 10' wide shall be at least a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton truck. The towing unit of house trailers over 10' wide but not more than 12' wide and less than 115' long shall be at least a 1 ton truck with dual wheels. The towing unit of house trailers over 12' wide shall be at least a 2 ton truck with dual wheels. Movement of house trailers over 12' wide is prohibited when wind gusts exceed 25 m.p.h.

**OVERLENGTH OBJECTS:** Movements of objects over 80' in length shall be equipped with two operating flashing amber lights – one over the cab of the vehicle; the other within 10' of the rear of the object, mounted as high as practicable over it.

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

**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" square.

**SPECIAL PROVISION FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY 17 (ARSENAL RD) EAST FRONTAGE ROAD OVER GRANT CREEK:** This permit is conditioned on the vehicle driver obeying all traffic control regulations on East Frontage Road over Grant Creek including obeying the posted speed. Any violation of the traffic control regulations over Grant Creek will cause this permit to be void and the vehicle only authorized to have a gross weight of 80,000 LBS.