

CITY OF MASSILLON
LIMITATIONS/PROVISIONS ON THE USE OF A SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT

THIS IS A TWO-SIDED FORM AND MUST BE CARRIED IN ITS ENTIRETY

GENERAL PROVISIONS & LIMITATIONS

- 1) The granting of this permit does not guarantee that the load described can be moved without damage to the pavement or structures although the permit is granted on the assumption that the load can be moved without damage, based on the best information available.
- 2) Permittee will be held liable for any damage caused by the movement. The City of Massillon assumes no responsibility for damage to the permittee's equipment or load being moved due to any such failure. The permittee agrees to compensate the City of Massillon for any damage to a roadway or road structure and also to hold The City of Massillon harmless from all claims, damages, or proceedings of any kind and from all responsibility for personal injury or property damages (public or private) caused directly or indirectly as a result of the transportation of said vehicle(s) or object(s).
- 3) If requested, the applicant must file a bond or certificate of his liability insurance, showing that he has procured adequate bond or insurance to cover the provisions of the previous paragraph 2.
- 4) The Special Hauling Permit (SHP) shall be in the possession of the driver at all times during the progress of transportation and will be shown on demand to any Deputy Sheriff, State Highway Patrolman, or other law enforcement officer.
- 5) The permission granted restricts the movement of the vehicle(s) or object(s) to only the City of Massillon roads specified, between the points designated, and within the time allotted. Permittee is responsible to check the route for abnormal, changed, or unknown conditions, which may exist during any move. **Permission to travel state routes, township roads or local streets not part of the City of Massillon's road system must be obtained from the proper authorities.**
- 6) No vehicle(s) or object(s) being transported under a Special Hauling Permit shall be left parked on the roadway either day or night except in case of an emergency, in which case adequate protection shall be provided for the traveling public. The vehicle(s) shall not be loaded or unloaded within the limits of the highway.
- 7) The operator of the vehicle must comply with all laws, rules, or regulations covering the movement of traffic over highways and streets.
- 8) Special Hauling Permits will not generally be issued for a built-up load that is divisible into legal loads or loads that have not been loaded to the least over dimension or the least overweight. Miscellaneous items may, however, be transported on the same vehicle with an over dimension piece or pieces so long as the miscellaneous items do not add to the over dimension. It is not necessary to identify these miscellaneous items. If, in the event of an extenuating circumstance, a permit is issued for a divisible load in which two or more pieces add to the over dimension or overweight, such load will be adequately described.
- 9) A Special Hauling Permit is void at any time road, weather, or traffic conditions make travel unsafe, as determined by the City of Massillon.
- 10) Movement of mobile homes, manufactured structures, office trailers, and park model recreational vehicles is prohibited when wind velocity exceeds 20 mph.

OPERATING LIMITATIONS

- 1) No vehicle(s) or object(s) being transported under a Special Hauling Permit shall travel in convoy with any other oversize/overweight vehicle or vehicle and load. Every vehicle operating under a SHP shall maintain a minimum spacing of 500' from all vehicles traveling in front and in the same lane as said vehicle whenever possible. No vehicle operating under a Special Hauling Permit shall pass other vehicles traveling in the same direction.
- 2) Any load with an overall height in excess of 14 feet 10 inches shall be required to coordinate the move with the owners of all overhead signs, signals, utilities, etc., which may obstruct safe, clear movement.
- 3) Reductions in legal weight posted on roadways or bridges must be obeyed. Contact the City of Massillon's Engineer's Office immediately if your route includes legal load reductions.

DAYS/HOURS OF OPERATION

- 1) Overweight vehicle/loads that are not over dimensional, traveling under the authority of a Special Hauling Permit, will not be restricted as to travel hours or days so long as the overweight vehicle/load can move without obstructing the normal flow of the traffic.
- 2) With the exception of permitted legal dimensioned overweight vehicle/loads noted in 1) above, vehicle/loads traveling under the authority of Special Hauling Permits shall be prohibited from movement on the holidays listed by ODOT's Oversize/Overweight Special Hauling Permits Holiday Restrictions Notice. Holiday prohibitions begin at noon the day preceding and continue until one-half hour before sunrise the day following the holiday or holiday weekend.
- 3) Movement of all vehicles/loads in excess of twelve feet in width shall be prohibited during the following travel times:
Saturday from 3:00 P.M. until ½ hour before sunrise on the following Sunday
Sunday from 3:00 P.M. until ½ hour before sunrise on the following Monday
Friday from 3:00 P.M. until ½ hour before sunrise on the following Saturday (April 1 through November 30)
These time limitations are in addition to item 2) of the Days/Hours of Operation, above.
- 4) With the exception of limits noted in 1), 2) and 3) above, permit vehicles and loads may move during daylight hours, Sunday through Saturday. Daylight hours are defined as one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

WARNING FLAGS AND SIGNS

- 1) Warning flags shall be displayed on all over dimensional vehicles and loads. Warning flags shall be 18 inches square, red or orange in color, in good repair and free of printing or other markings and shall be securely fastened by at least one corner or securely mounted on a staff.
- 2) Over width vehicles and loads shall bear two flags at the widest extremities of the vehicle or load as well as one flag at each corner of the vehicle or load. Warning flags are not required to be displayed on the tractor.
- 3) Over length vehicles and loads or vehicles and loads with a rear overhang of 4 feet or greater shall display a single flag at the extreme rear if the over length or projecting part is two feet wide or less. Two flags shall be displayed if the over length or projecting portion is wider than two feet and the flags should be located to indicate maximum width.
- 4) Warning signs, when required, shall be in good repair, shall read "OVERSIZE LOAD" and shall be at least 7 feet long and 18 inches high. The sign's background shall be yellow with black lettering. Letters shall be at least 10 inches with a 1.41 inch brush stroke. If series E Modified is used, the brush stroke is to be two inches.
- 5) **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs shall be displayed on any vehicle or vehicle/load exceeding the maximum legal length limit as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5577.05.
- 6) **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs shall be displayed on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an overall width of **10 feet or greater**.
- 7) **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs shall be displayed on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an overall height in excess of **14 feet 6 inches**.
- 8) **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs, when required, shall be displayed on the front and rear of the over dimensioned vehicle or vehicle/load.

LIGHTING

- 1) All Permitted vehicles' standard vehicle lighting must be in operating order. **THE HEADLIGHTS MUST BE ON DURING THE MOVEMENT OF ANY OVER DIMENSION VEHICLE/LOAD.**

ESCORT VEHICLES

- 1) Escort vehicles, when required by a Special Hauling Permit to accompany an over dimensional or overweight vehicle/load, shall be required to display a warning sign, yellow with black letters, reading "OVERSIZE LOAD". The sign shall be 5 feet long by 12 inches high with 8 inch high letters and shall be in good repair. Escort vehicles shall also be required to maintain radio communication with the operator of the permitted vehicle and shall also be required to be equipped with a roof mounted amber flashing or rotating light(s). Driver of the escort vehicle is to act as a flagger when needed.
- 2) **One rear** escort vehicle shall be required for the transportation of any vehicle/load with an **overall length in excess of 90 feet**.
- 3) **One lead** escort vehicle shall be required for the transportation of any vehicle/load with an **overall width in excess of 12 feet**.
- 4) **One lead** escort vehicle equipped with a **height-sensing device** shall be required for the transportation of any vehicle/load with an **overall height in excess of 14 feet 6 inches**.
- 5) **One lead and one rear escort** shall be required on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an **overall width in excess of 14 feet 6 inches**.
- 6) **One lead and one rear escort** shall be required on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an **overall height in excess of 14 feet 10 inches**.
- 7) **If more than one of the conditions set forth in numbers 2) through 4)** above are met, (for example, a load exceeding 12 feet in width and 90 feet in length), **two escorts (one lead and one rear)** shall be required.
- 8) Lead escort vehicle, when required, is to proceed 500 feet in advance of permit vehicle/load.
- 9) Rear escort vehicle, when required, is to follow 500 feet in back of permit vehicle/load.

FLAGGERS

- 1) Flaggers shall be used when limited sight distance or hazards are encountered.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

- 1) Failure to comply with the general or special provisions of a Special Hauling Permit, exceeding the weights or dimensions granted, or operating on dates or upon highways other than assigned shall render the permit null and void and the operator of the vehicle subject to arrest, as provided in Sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 inclusive, of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 2) These limitations and provisions describe the general requirements placed on the operation of over dimension and overweight vehicles traveling on Massillon City roads, and are in addition to specific provisions stated on the permit or its attachments. For reference or detailed information, please contact the City of Massillon's Engineer's Office.