

TRANSPORTATION PERMIT CONDITION

Traffic Engineering and Parking Division

Authority:

Under the appropriate authority of Division 15, Chapter 5, Article 6, of the California Vehicle Code (C.V.C.), the City of Fresno may, at its discretion, issue special permits to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximums specified in the C.V.C. except as specifically provided herein, the requirements of the C.V.C, must be complied with in all particulars.

POSSESSION OF PERMIT

This permit shall be carried In the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is within the city limits, and shall be open to Inspection by any peace officer, traffic officer, authorized agent of the City of Fresno or any other officer or employee charged with the care and protection of such streets. (C.V.C. 35783)

PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. Validity of Permit

This permit is valid only for movement on the assigned Fresno City Streets and overcrossings under the jurisdiction of the City of Fresno and on alternate routes approved by Fresno City Traffic Engineer.

County and/or State permits where appropriate must be secured for travel on roads and streets under their respective jurisdictions unless otherwise specified on this permit.

TWO PERMITS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF FRESNO CAN NOT BE USED TO AUTHORIZE THE MOVEMENT OF ONE LOAD; EXCEPT THAT WHEN A "RIDER" IS ISSUED TO MODIFY SINGLE TRIP PERMIT OR ANNUAL

2. Void Permit

This permit is null and void and hereby declared non-existent if:

- a. Any portion, part, or section is illegible.
- b. It is not authorized by a City of Fresno representative.
- c. If any portion, part or section has been altered or if an attempt to alter is apparent.
- d. Presented in the form of a reproduced copy, other than a single trip "authorized facsimile copy". Annual or Repetitive permits are allowed only in the original form. Reproduced copies are not allowed. An "authorized facsimile copy" of the permit is acceptable. Each facsimile permit shall have the receiving station's embossed seal firmly imprinted and an original signature by the authorized representative of the receiving station certifying it to be

a true copy. The circular embossed seal shall read, "NO ALTERATION HAS BEEN MADE" and display the receiving station's ID number issued by Caltrans in the center and be signed by an authorized person of the receiving station.

- e. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle, which is not specifically, described on the face of the permit.
- f. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle by any company, crew, or equipment not specifically named or organizationally related to the company, agency, or firm to which the permit was issued.
- g. If presented without the attachments firmly affixed that are specifically named and required on the face of the permit.
- h. If used before and/or after the times and dates indicated.

3. Permittee Agreement

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

The use of this permit is prima facie evidence that the driver has checked the load and/or vehicle, knows it to be within the limits as set forth hereon, and has verified the routing accuracy. The vehicle and/or load authorized under this permit are subject to inspection by representatives of the City of Fresno and cost of such inspection shall be borne by the permittee.

4. Repair of Damage

In accepting this permit, the permittee agrees to repair at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the City of Fresno, Public Works Director, and any damage to highway appurtenances or structures caused by the movement of the load and/or vehicle of said permit. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by City of Fresno forces at the option of the Public Works Director, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to City Street facilities such as bridges, signals, light standards and other appurtenances, the permittee shall notify the City of Fresno Traffic Engineer immediately. A written report must then be filed with the City of Fresno Traffic Engineer within 72 hours after such damage has been done. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for immediate cancellation of all or a portion of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the City of Fresno for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.

5. Liabilities

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

6. Overhead Clearance

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

7. Reducible Loads

This permit is issued for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined In C.V.C. 320.5 When loaded at its least dimensions.

This permit is 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 thereof.

This permit does not authorize extralegal weight if the load can be repositioned to stay within legal axle or axle group weights authorized in C.V.C. 35551 or 35551.5

Other items may be hauled in addition to the permitted Item, provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item (whichever is greater) and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights.

Over height, permits 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.

8. Tire Capacity

Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity of vehicle tires except as allowed by Title 13, Article 14, Section 1085 of the California Administrative Code. Tires on manufactured housing may be loaded to 50% over their rated capacity.

9. Booster Type Axles

A booster axle is an axle, generally, 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 and add-on or "Joe Dog" axles shall not be used in the movement of overweight permit loads.

10. Land Use

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

11. 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 permit includes this said one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and

sunset. Movement is not allowed when visibility is less than 304.801 meters (1000 feet) unless authorized on the face of this permit.

12. Holiday Movement

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

New Year's Day
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Loads without Pilot Cars

When the holiday is a three (3) or four (4) day weekend, loads that do not require a pilot car will not be allowed to travel after 12:00 noon on the day before the holiday weekend and are also prohibited from travel the day of the holiday.

Loads with Pilot Cars

When the load requires a pilot car, movement is prohibited from 12:00 noon the day before the holiday weekend through sunrise the first weekday after the holiday weekend.

Thanksgiving Day Restrictions

All permit loads are prohibited from moving on the Thanksgiving Day holiday starting at 12:00 o'clock noon on Wednesday and all day Thursday. If a pilot car is not required, movement is allowed from 12:01 a.m. Friday. If a pilot car is required, movement is allowed at sunrise Monday.

13. Moving in Inclement Weather

Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 304.8 meters (1,000 feet). Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow or frost, or when use of tire chains is mandatory.

In addition, manufactured housing shall not move 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.

14. Load Signs

All loads or vehicles being moved on City of Fresno streets which exceed 2.59 meters (8'6") in width, 24.38 meter (80 feet) in length, or more than 3.05 meters (10 feet) of overhang shall display appropriate warning signs on the front and rear, which read "Long Load" or "Oversize".

The "LONG LOAD" sign shall be used whenever overall length exceeds 30.48 meters (100 feet), and shall have preference over other oversize features. 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 lettering shall be 254 millimeters (10-inch) minimum height with a 41 millimeters (1-5/8-inch) minimum brush stroke, and a minimum 25 millimeters (1-inch) margin all around. All signs shall be black letters on a yellow background, mounted at least 457 millimeters (18 inches) above the road surface front and rear. Signs shall be neat, clean, legible, mounted securely and visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degree either side thereof.

15. Pilot Car and Equipment

It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that the pilot car operators are briefed as to their duties prior to movement. Pilot cars shall be equipped with top mounted flashing amber warning light(s) visible to the front when leading and to the rear when following.

16. Pilot Car Location and Responsibility

Pilot car(s) are required on the routes indicated on this permit or any attached map. When required, the permit or attachments shall clearly identify all highways where pilot car(s) are required.

A pilot car operator SHALL:

- a. Precede the load on two-or three-lane conventional roads and follow on four or more lane conventional highways and divided highways. 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 highway. The use of a pilot car does not grant to the permittee the right to preempt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the permit 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 is not to 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.
- c. Maintain a safe distance between the permitted vehicle and the pilot car to allow

passing by other traffic, but not to exceed a distance of 152 meters (500) feet.

- d. Accompany the permitted load over all operational California Highway Patrol facilities.

A pilot car operator SHALL NOT:

- a. Stop traffic for the convenience of the permitted vehicle or load.
- b. Tow another vehicle while being used as a pilot car.
- c. Display the STOP/SLOW sign paddle out of the window of the pilot car.
- d. Stop opposing traffic except in extreme emergencies.
- e. Pilot more than one load at the same time.

17. Flaggers

When necessary to post a flagger in order to warn and direct traffic, the flagging shall be done in accordance with Title 8, Section 1598 and 1599 of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Construction Safety Orders and Caltrans "Manual of Traffic Controls". Flaggers shall not be less than 18 years of age.

18. Manufactured Housing Axle Weight

Axle weights for "Manufactured Housing" (C.V.C. 387) shall not exceed 2,722 kilograms (6,000 pounds) per axle.

19. Manufactured Housing-Tow Vehicle

Power units towing manufactured housing as defined in C.V.C. 387, up to 3.66 meters (12 feet) in width shall be equipped with dual rear wheel and shall have an unladen weight as defined in C.V.C. 660 of not less than 2,948 kilograms (6,500 pounds.)

Power units towing manufactured housing exceeding 3.66 meters (12 feet) in width shall be equipped as required above with an unladen weight as defined in C.V.C. 660 of not less than 4,309 kilograms (9,500 pounds.)

20. Open Side Covering Manufactured Housing

Open sided units shall be covered by plywood, hardboard or other ridged 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 152 millimeters (6 inches) in any one place will not be permitted.

Units open on both sides, may be moved empty with no side covering.

21. Tow Trucks

Tow trucks operating under a City of Fresno permit are authorized gross weight in excess of 36,288 kilograms (80,000 pounds), combination length in excess of 19.8 meters (65'0") but are limited to the routes shown on the attachments of their

transportation permit.

22. Towing Permit Loads and/or Vehicles

Disabled extralegal vehicles or extralegal combinations of vehicles, whose movement is authorized by a transportation permit, or any disabled legal vehicle, or legal combination of vehicles, which because of damage has incurred distortion, in width, or height, thereby causing an excess in legal dimensions, may only be moved at the direction of a peace officer. Disabled overweight permit vehicles/loads shall only be authorized movement by a peace officer to a point where the highway has been safely cleared. Movement of the permit vehicle / load beyond this point shall be completed under the authority of a City, County, or State transportation permit, whichever is applicable. Single trip permits for towing permit vehicles shall require reduction of the disabled combinations to the least dimension possible.

23. Pertinent sections of the C.V.C. that apply specifically to permitted extralegal vehicles and/or loads, pilot cars, and tow trucks are as follows:

Darkness-C.V.C. 280

Extralegal Load-C.V.C. 320.5

Flags- C.V.C. 25104, 25803(a) and 28100

Lights or Warning Lights- C.V.C. 24003, 25270, 25803, 25952, 26100, and 26104.

Pilot Cars and Equipment- C.V.C. 472, 25270, 27904, 27904.5, 28100, 28101, 28102, 28103, 35252 (a)(b)(c), and 35784 (e)(f).

Fines- C.V.C. 35784 (c) (1) and (2), 35784.5 and 42030

Withholding of Permits- C.V.C. 35780 and 35782

Possession of Permit- C.V.C 35783

Tow Trucks- C.V.C. 35401 (c)

24. This permit does not apply to the moving of a building or structure.
25. The City Truck Route Map shall be considered a part of this permit, and attached
26. Throughout the life of this permit, the named permittee shall maintain in full force and effect liability and indemnify insurance with a carrier or carriers authorized to do business in the State of California.
27. Overload operations not expressly described WITHIN are not authorized.
28. The original permit must be kept in said vehicle(s) when operated in the City of Fresno.
29. Direct crossing of State Highways, at grade, is authorized under this permit (Caltrans District 6 authorization, June 1985).
30. Routing of following loads over or under State Highway Structures is restricted as follows:
 - a. Purple load 12-feet wide, legal height - under only.
 - b. Green load 12-feet wide, legal height - over or under.

- c. Purple load, over 12-feet Wide, over legal height - prohibited from all structures, over or under, if any one of these conditions exist.

*Separate single-trip permit must be considered.