



**COUNTY OF COLUSA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**



TRANSPORTATION PERMIT CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS

Authority:

Under the appropriate authority of Division 15, Chapter 5, Article 6 of the California Vehicle Code(CVC), the Department of Public Works 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 CVC. Except as specifically provided herein, the requirements of the CVC, including vehicle registration requirements, signing (CVC 27900) and other applicable laws, must be complied with in all particulars.

1. Responsibility of Permittee

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

2. Possession of Permit

This permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is within the highway limits. (California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 35783)

3. Void Permits

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

- a. IF ANY PORTION, PART OR SECTION IS ILLEGIBLE;
- b. If used before or after the times and dates indicated;
- c. any portion, part or section has been altered or if any attempt to alter is apparent;
- d. 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;
- e. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle by any company, not specifically named on the permit;
- f. If presented without the accompaniments specifically named on the face of the permit. Accompaniments must be within the driver's reach when seat belted in the driver's seat.

4. 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 its accompaniments.

5. Verification

The use of this permit is prima facie evidence that the driver has checked the load and/or vehicle and 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 is subject to inspection by any peace officer, traffic officer, authorized agent of the Department of Public Works or any other officer or employee charged with the care and protection of county roads and streets.

6. Overhead Clearance

When height of load exceeds legal limit, it becomes the responsibility of the permittee to check all underpasses, over crossings, bridges, overhead wires or other structures for impaired vertical clearance and to arrange clearance or request alternate routing before commencing travel.

7. Liabilities

The permittee is responsible for all liability for injury to, or death of person, or damage to property which may occur through any act or omission of either the permittee or the County of Colusa arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event any claim, suit or action is brought against the County of Colusa, 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 County of Colusa, its officers, employees or agents from such claim, suit or action.

8. Repair of Damage

In accepting this permit, the permittee agrees to repair at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works, any damage to highway appurtenances or structures resulting from travel under this permit. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by Department of Public Works forces at the option of the Director of Public Works, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to County highway facilities such as bridges, traffic signals, light standards and other appurtenances, a written report must be filed with the Department within 72 hours after such damage has been done. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the Department for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.

9. Accident Reporting

Accidents occurring while operating under permit and requiring a report to the Department of Motor Vehicles under CVC Section 16000 shall also be reported to the Department of Public Works. A copy of the permit and accident report shall be mailed to Department of Public Works, 1215 Market Street, Colusa, CA, 95932 within 30 days of the date of the accident. Failure to mail these copies will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges.

10. Reducible Loads

- This permit is issued for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined in CVC. 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions.
- This permit is automatically canceled 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.
- This permit does not authorize extralegal weight if the load can be repositioned to stay within legal axle or axle group weights authorized in CVC 35551 or 35551.5. If the load cannot be repositioned, the weights shown on the permit are authorized.
- 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.

11. Moving In Inclement Weather

Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet (304.8 meters). 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.

12. Lane Use

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

13. Moving In Convoy

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

14. Towing Disabled Permit 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 road or street has been safely cleared. Movement of the permit vehicle/load beyond this point shall be completed under the authority of a single trip permit for towing permit vehicles and shall require reduction of the disabled combinations to the least dimension possible.

15. Tires

Tires on permitted vehicles shall comply with the California Code of Regulations Title 13, commencing with Section 1085 of Article 14. Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity marked on the tire sidewall.

16. Warning Signs and Flags

All loads/vehicles over 8'-6" in width, 80 feet in length or more than 10 feet of overhang shall display warning signs. Signs shall be posted on the front and rear of the vehicle or on the front of the lead vehicle and the rear of the back trailer with multi-vehicle combinations. Signs shall have black letters on a yellow background and comply with Section 502.9 of the California Department of Transportation "Transportation Permit Manual". Flags shall comply with Section 25104 of the CVC.

17. Movement During Darkness

"Darkness" is defined in Section 280 of the CVC as being "...any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise...". Reference to "sunset" and/or "sunrise" on the permit includes this one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and sunset.

18. Pilot Cars and Equipment

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

A pilot car shall be equipped with:

- a. one each STOP/SLOW sign paddle;
- b. one each orange vest, shirt or jacket;
- c. one each red hand flag (18"x18" minimum);
- d. two-way radio communication between 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 permit move. Lights shall be removed or covered with opaque material when not escorting movement described on Permit (25270 CVC);
- f. neat, clean and legible sign(s) visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degrees either side thereof. The bottom of the sign(s) shall be a minimum of 48 inches above ground. The sign shall read "OVERSIZE" when viewed from the front or rear. 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 minimum brush stroke with a six (6) inch minimum projected letter height.

A pilot car shall:

- a. Precede the load. 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 pre-empt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of the physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the permit move 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 permit move to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding;
- c. Maintain a safe distance from the escorted vehicle to allow both passing and warning of other traffic.

A pilot car shall not:

- a. Pre-empt opposing traffic;
- b. Tow another vehicle while escorting a load unless it is specifically stated on the face of the permit or permit rider;
- c. Display STOP/SLOW sign paddles from the window of a moving vehicle;
- d. Not stop opposing traffic except in extreme emergencies;
- e. Not escort more than one vehicle and/or load unless specified on the face of the permit or permit rider.

When necessary to post a flagger in order to warn and direct traffic, the flagging shall be done in accordance with Title 8, Sections 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.

19. Manufactured Housing

Axle Weight:

Axle weights for "Manufactured Housing" (CVC 387) shall not exceed 6,000 lbs per axle.

Tow Vehicle:

Tractor units towing manufactured housing as defined in CVC 387 that exceed legal width and up to 12 feet in width shall be equipped with dual rear wheels and shall have an unladen weight as defined in CVC 660 of not less than 6,500 lbs.

Tractor units towing manufactured housing exceeding 12 feet in width shall be equipped as required above with an unladen weight as defined in CVC 660 of not less than 9,500 lbs.

Open Sided 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 plastic or flexible side covering in excess of 6 inches in any one place will not be permitted. Units open on both sides, such as used for temporary schools, warehouses, offices, etc., may be moved empty with no side covering.

20. Bridge Structures

Extralegal weight vehicles or loads shall not cross bridge structures simultaneously with other heavily laden vehicles. Before entering upon any bridge structure, the vehicle driver shall observe approaching traffic from both directions, and should it appear that a second heavily laden vehicle would pass in the opposing lane of traffic or overtake his vehicle, he shall pull his unit clear of the traveled way and wait until the unregulated load or loads have crossed the bridge before entering thereon.

21. Protection on Bridges or Narrow Roads

When crossing bridges or on narrow roads so narrow that it is impossible to comply with regulation 20, a flagman shall be posted ahead of such vehicle or load to warn and direct approaching traffic.

22. Responsibility of Permittee

This permit does not authorize crossing any posted bridges with a vehicle or load with a gross weight exceeding the posted limits. Permittee shall comply with all regulations posted on any bridge over which he shall pass, and assume all risk relative thereto.