

# DuPage County Division of Transportation

## Overweight/Over Dimension Movement Permit

### General Provisions

**GENERAL NOTE:** These provisions and the requirements stated herein shall be attached to and made an integral part of the issued movement permit. Failure to comply with any of these provisions may result in the DuPage County Engineer revoking the permit and/or denying any further movement permits on DuPage County rights-of-way until such time as proper compliance can be provided.

**AGREEMENT:** This permit and the provisions stated herein constitutes an agreement that the permittee agrees that the permitted movement will be made strictly in compliance with the terms set forth in the permit, these general provisions and the applicable provisions of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Policies contained in its publications "OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT PERMIT MOVEMENTS ON STATE HIGHWAYS (current edition)" and "THE ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE (current edition)."

**JURISDICTION:** This permit is effective only insofar as the DuPage County Division of Transportation has jurisdiction and does not release the permittee from complying with any other existing federal, state, county or local laws, statutes or codes that may apply to the permitted movement.

**OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS:** An overweight permit authorizes the movement of a vehicle or a reasonably disassembled single object loaded on a vehicle combination. If stated in the permit, 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.

**OVERDIMENSION PERMITS:** Where a permit is required for over-dimension moves only the gross vehicle weight will be left blank or noted as "LEGAL" on the issued permit.

**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 and/or turnaround. Posted maximum width, heights, speed, gross weight or other restrictions shall be observed at all times.

#### **AUTHORIZED TIMES OF MOVEMENT:**

- Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are authorized to move 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Overweight and/or Over-dimension permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 12'0" wide, 13'6" high, 200' long are authorized to move 24hours a day, 7 days a week with one additional escort traveling during the hours of darkness.
- Overweight and/or Over-dimension permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 14'6" wide, 15' high, 200' long are authorized to move from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, 7 days a week.
- Overweight and/or Over-dimension permit loads with dimensions greater than 200' long are authorized to move from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset Monday through Friday. No Saturday/Sunday movement is allowed. (Unless specified otherwise on permit)
- Overweight and/or Over-dimension permit loads with dimensions greater than 14'6" wide and/or 17' high are authorized to move from 9am CST to 3pm Monday through Friday. No Saturday/Sunday movement is allowed. (Unless specified otherwise on permit)
- Movements are further restricted on specified holidays and holiday weekends (see IDOT Holiday Office Closing/Permit Travel Restrictions under the Announcements on ITAP's home page <https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov/> for specific dates and times.

**LOCATIONS WHERE PERMIT IS NOT VALID:** The permit is not valid on any highway or bridge: A) posted for a load limit less than the gross vehicle weight of the move and/or B) on any highway or bridge closed to traffic and/or C) on any highway not under the jurisdiction of the DuPage County Division of Transportation. The right to use highways other than those specified is neither implied nor granted. The permittee must obtain permission from the proper authority to use state or local streets or highways or from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, as their jurisdiction entitles.

**HIGHWAY CONDITIONS:** Movement shall not be made when the DuPage County highway is covered with snow or ice.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** When visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog or any time travel conditions are considered to be unsafe by the Division of Transportation or the local police or DuPage County Sheriff, the police or Sheriff may direct or escort a vehicle off the roadway to a place of safety until such time as conditions allow safe movement to resume.

**RIGHTS-OF-WAY DURING MOVEMENT:** Insofar as practical, 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 practical, 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 as directed by a police officer.

**SPEED:** Maximum speed shall be 45 M.P.H. on all permit movements or 5 M.P.H. above the minimum posted speed limit, except where 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.

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**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 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Therefore, no action is taken by the Division, 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.

**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 and carry proper documentation of such during the permitted movement(s) according to state and/or local ordinances or statutes.

**WARNING 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.

**ESCORT VEHICLES:**

- One escort vehicle will be required on all loads more than 14'6" wide or 14'6" high or 110' long.
- Two escort vehicles, one in front and one behind, are required for all moves that have a combination of any TWO or more of the following dimensions: more than 14'6" wide or 14'6" high or 110' long.
- Three escort vehicles are required for all moves that: exceed 16' wide, exceed 18' high or exceed 145' long.
- Police escorts are required for County overweight or over-dimension moves when required under a corresponding IDOT permit or as otherwise specified on the permit.

A pole for measuring vertical clearances shall be mounted on the lead escort vehicle for moves in excess of 14'6" in height. An escort vehicle may be a passenger car or a second division vehicle not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8,000 lbs. that is designed to afford clear and unobstructed vision both front and rear. Escort vehicles shall display red flags at the extremities, display "OVER SIZE LOAD" signs, be equipped with an operating rotating or flashing amber light mounted on top and operated by a properly licensed operator(s) at least 18 years of age at time of the permitted movement. The driver of the escort vehicle must be in radio contact with the driver of the permit vehicle at all times during the permitted movement.

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

**HOUSE TRAILERS:** The overall width of the house trailer includes doorknobs, awnings or any other attachments. The towing unit of the house trailers over 8 feet but not more than 10 feet wide shall be at least a ¼ -ton truck. The towing vehicle of a house trailer over 10 feet but not more than 12 feet wide shall be at least a 1-ton truck with dual wheels. The towing vehicle of a house trailer over 12 feet but not more than 14 feet wide shall be at least a 2-ton truck with dual wheels. Movement of house trailers over 12 feet wide is prohibited when wind gusts exceed 25 m.p.h.