



COVER SHEET

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TO: All Movements of Overdimensional Vehicles and Loads

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RE: PERMITS

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Message

The City of Fargo has had numerous problems with companies moving overdimensional and overweight equipment without having an authorized/signed City of Fargo permit in their possession. Permits have been faxed in after hours or on weekends and have been moved without receiving a signed copy of the permit back, authorizing the weight and size of the overdimensional load to travel on a roadway. This has included a 20' wide load moving without a police escort and a very heavy overload crossing a bridge structure. This has happened multiple times and creates unsafe conditions for the City's bridge structures, roads, and the traveling public.

Please refer to section 3 –A-1 of the over dimensional policy that I have circled. Please note the bold lettering "**Permits must be in possession prior to starting any movement**". If overdimensional equipment moves in the City of Fargo without a signed, valid permit in hand, the load will be subject to Appendix B "Extraordinary Road Use Fee Schedule" according to Section 8-0925 of the City of Fargo Municipal Code. Make sure that you have applied for permits well in advance of the movement, 24 hours or more, and if you want to move on a weekend you will need to apply for the permit on Friday morning. Movements will need to be planned out in advance. You will not be able to fax a permit application in and then call us an hour later to try rush the processing of the permit and have it faxed back to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 241-1545.

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Allen Schumacher

III. PERMITS FOR OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines when permits will be issued for vehicles or loads exceeding legal size and/or weight for movement on the City streets.

POLICY STATEMENT:

As authorized by section 8-0922 of the City of Fargo Municipal Code, the City will issue single trip permits, when good cause is shown, for the movement of oversize and/or overweight vehicles and loads.

The following procedures outline the requirements and methods for issuing permits for oversize and overweight vehicles.

PROCEDURE:

A. Permit Requirements

1. **Permits must be in possession prior to starting any movement.** They shall designate the route to be traveled and may contain such other restrictions as deemed necessary by the City engineers. The City has the authority to revoke permits when the holder violates or abuses the privilege or conditions of the permits.
2. General travel restrictions.
 - a. Single trip permits shall not be issued for overdimensional movements between sunset and sunrise, unless approved by City Engineering.
 - b. Single trip permits for overwidth exceeding 16 feet or overlength exceeding 88 feet shall not be issued authorizing movements on Saturday after 12 noon, all day Sunday, and on holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
 - 1) When any above named holiday is on Sunday, the following Monday shall be the holiday.
 - 2) When any above named holiday is on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be the holiday.
 - 3) No overwidth permit exceeding 16 feet or overlength permit exceeding 110 feet will be valid from 12 noon the day before the holiday until sunrise the day after the holiday.
 - c. Single trip permits shall not authorize movements when inclement weather prevails, highways are slippery, or when visibility is poor.