

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
DOUGLAS COUNTY OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMIT**

**DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS
Department of Public Works
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Lawrence, Kansas 66044
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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY AND/OR TOWNSHIP ROAD(S) BY OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE AND/OR LOAD AS AUTHORIZED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 9-601, et seq.

1. SINGLE TRIP PERMIT REGULATIONS:

- a) Douglas County Department of Public Works must receive a fully completed application with \$50 base application fee not less than three (3) working days prior to proposed move date.
- b) Applicant must review proposed route before submitting application to Douglas County Public Works.
- c) Removal of vegetation, if required, must be approved prior to move date. For county route locations contact Mike Perkins, Operations Division Manager, at (785) 331-1330.
- d) Applicant must give advance notification to pertinent utility companies of move date and route as stated in K.S.A. 17-1916.
- e) Applicant must give advance notification to Douglas County Sheriff's Department and all pertinent fire departments, including townships and cities, of move route and schedule.
- f) Applicant must notify Douglas County Public Works, (785) 832-5293, immediately of any changes to move date. A new move date may be scheduled not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the actual operation.
- g) Applicant must notify the Douglas County Sheriff Dispatch, (785) 843-0250, and Douglas County Operations, (785) 331-1330, 1 to 1 ½ hours before beginning move in Douglas County.
- h) No movement will be allowed on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, or holidays.
- i) All movement must be made in full daylight hours, after sunrise and before sunset.
- j) A \$1,000 certified check deposit is required prior to issuance of oversize/overweight permit.

2. ANNUAL PERMIT REGULATIONS:

- a) Douglas County Department of Public Works must receive a fully completed application with \$300 base application fee not less than three (3) working days prior to proposed first move date.
- b) All movement must be made in daylight hours, 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
- c) Annual permit is for movement on Douglas County routes only. The annual permit holder must notify Douglas County Public Works, (785) 832-5293 one full workday in advance for verbal permission to move on township-maintained roads.
- d) No load posted bridges, culverts, or roads shall be traveled on or across under the annual permit without prior permission from Douglas County Public Works, (785) 832-5293.
- e) The following maximum dimensions and weights shall apply to annual permits. A single trip permit application must be submitted for vehicle/load combinations exceeding the following dimensions and/or weights.

(1) Dimensions:	
Width	16 feet, 6 inches
Length	126 feet
Height	15 feet
(2) Axle weights:	
Single, non-drive axle	22,000 pounds
Single, drive axle	24,000 pounds

Tandem	45,000 pounds
Triple	60,000 pounds
Quad or more	65,000 pounds
(3) Weight:	
Gross Weight	150,000 pounds

3. COMMON REGULATIONS:

- a) An oversize/overweight permit shall be carried in the permit vehicle. The permit shall be made available for inspection by any enforcement authority upon request. An enforcement authority may revoke a permit if the permit vehicle operator or permit holder violates the terms of the permit. For the operator of a permit vehicle, the effect of having a permit revoked is the same as operating without a permit. After revoking a permit, an enforcement authority may take enforcement action against the permit vehicle operator, the permit holder, or both.
- b) An oversize/overweight permit is not valid when visibility is reduced to one-half (1/2) mile or less by weather, dust, or smoke.
- c) An oversize/overweight permit is not valid when the road surface is slick because of snow, ice, slush, or frost.
- d) Any vehicle and/or load being moved shall not be left unattended while located in public right-of-way.
- e) When approached by any emergency vehicle, applicant shall immediately move far enough to one side of the roadway to allow sufficient clearance for the passage of such emergency vehicle.

ESCORT VEHICLES, WARNING FLAGS, AND WARNING SIGNS:

- f) A front and rear escort vehicle is required for vehicles/loads that exceed 14 feet in width or 90 feet in length.
- g) Escort by an enforcement agency (Sheriff, Highway Patrol, etc.) shall be considered supplemental escort and does not fulfill the requirements for an escort vehicle.
- h) Red or Orange warning flags shall be attached to all the corners of an excess size vehicle and/or load if the vehicle, load, or combination has a width greater than nine (9) feet.
- i) Warning signs must be displayed on the front of the permit vehicle and on the rear of the permit vehicle or load if the vehicle, load, or combination exceed legal length or a width of ten (10) feet. Warning signs shall have the legend "OVERSIZE LOAD" and be legible at 500 feet.

REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES:

- j. Traffic Control Devices may be temporarily removed immediately in advance of passage and no sooner. The permit holder shall provide adequate personnel for immediate replacement of Traffic Control Devices after passage. The permit holder shall be charged for the use of County Personnel and/or equipment to help with or correct the installation of Traffic Control Devices.
- k) Removal of any Traffic Control Device will require a pin flag to be installed to indicate where the Traffic Control Device was located. The pin flag is then to be removed when the Traffic Control Device is reinstalled.
- l) Installation of Traffic Control Devices shall conform to the latest edition of the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices".
- m) The removal of guardrail or bridge handrail will not be allowed.

INSURANCE AND DAMAGES:

- n) Douglas County will assume no liability for load carrying capacity of any bridges or roads, for which a permit has been issued. Applicant has sole responsibility for safe passage over roadways and structures through Douglas County.
- o) Each driver, vehicle and/or load shall be covered by insurance with a combined single limit of a minimum of \$500,000 for bodily injury and property damage. Such insurance shall cover any route preparation activities. Proof of insurance, including policy number and expiration date, shall be submitted prior to issuance of permit and such proof shall accompany the vehicle and/or load and person insured during movement in Douglas County.

- p) Applicant has full responsibility for any damages caused to roads, signs, or bridges. The applicant shall pay to Douglas County and/or appropriate Township within 30 days, after notification of such, any damages in excess of the \$1,000 dollar deposit.

VARIANCES AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- q) Any variances and/or special conditions to the above regulations approved or required by the Director will be attached to the Permit.

APPROVED BY: _____

Keith A. Browning, P.E.
Director of Public Works/County Engineer

Date: ____/____/____