

**WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
RULES FOR THE MOVEMENT OF OVERSIZE OR  
OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES AND LOADS**

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General instructions, information and rules governing the issuance of special permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles and loads on roads under the jurisdiction of the Wexford County Road Commission.

The Wexford County Road Commission reserves the right to impose additional requirements or conditions as it may in its sole discretion deem necessary to prevent injury to persons or damage to property and to require additional security against any loss or damages.

**GENERAL PROCEDURES**

The statutes of the state of Michigan authorize the Wexford County Road Commission to issue special permits for the movement over county roads of vehicles or loads, which exceed the size or weight limitations specified by law.

It is the purpose of the Wexford County Road Commission to permit the movement of necessary overweight and oversize vehicles or loads consistent with the following obligations:

- A. Protection of the motoring public from potential traffic hazards.
- B. Protection of road surfaces, structures and private property.

**CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

- A. The maximum allowable axle weight under the Extended Permit is 140% of the legal axle weights. If the applicant requests a permit over 125% of the legal limit and up to the 140% limit, the issuing county may authorize this privilege. If the 40% limit is authorized the permit holder must provide the Wexford County Road Commission 48 hours advance notice and the applicant must provide a specific route. In no case may the Extended Permit be issued for loads in excess of 140% of the legal axle weights.
- B. Permits are issued only to business entities or individuals actually doing the transporting. The transporting vehicles to be used must be owned by the applicant or operated under a bona fide lease or rental agreement. A copy of the lease or rental agreement must be provided.
- C. The issuance of permits is limited to those vehicles and/or loads which cannot reasonably be divided, dismantled, reduced or otherwise rearranged to conform to legal dimensions and/or weights as provided by law.

Loads shall be arranged to affect the minimum dimensions for height, length or width. Staggered loading is not permitted. If a loaded commodity creates a single over-dimension, two or more commodities may be transported as one load provided the permit application so indicates, legal axle loadings are not exceeded, and provided no additional nonconforming dimensions of width, height or length are created or made greater by the additional commodities.

- D. As a matter of general procedure, permits will not be issued for transportation of loads exceeding limitations specified in the attachment. Efforts should be made to move vehicles or loads exceeding these limitations by some means other than by roadway or to dismantle the object being moved to comply with the limitations. However, issuance of permits may be considered for limited movement of special loads if all efforts to utilize other means of transportation have been exhausted and if the object being moved cannot feasibly be reduced to comply with the

specified limitations. A complete written explanation is to be submitted with a properly completed application for further consideration.

- E. Weight- A request for an overweight permit will not be approved for a load consisting of more than one object, and in no event, shall any wheel load exceed 700 pounds per inch of tire width.

No overweight permits will be issued during the springtime weight restrictions period, except in case of public emergency.

- F. Height- Careful consideration must be given to any application requesting movement where the overall height exceeds 13 feet 6 inches because of possible overhead obstructions on proposed routes. All applications for permits in excess of 13 feet 6 inches shall certify that the proposed route has been traveled to assure vertical clearance.

- G. Escort Vehicles- An escort vehicle must be a passenger car or pickup truck with at least one flashing or rotating amber light on top of the cab. Amber lights are to be visible for 360 degrees for a distance of 500 ft.

- H. Oversize Permits are issued for daylight hours only, Monday through Saturday, with the exception that Mobile Home permits are not valid on Saturday. In special instances other time limitations may be considered.

Under no conditions will a Oversize permit be issued for a movement to take place from noon on the day preceding and continuing until daylight of the 1<sup>st</sup> day after the holidays here listed:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

When a holiday occurs on a Friday or Monday, permits will not be valid for the period beginning at noon before the three day weekend, and ending daylight of the 1<sup>st</sup> day after the three day weekend. Mobile Home permits are not valid until noon of the day following the holiday or three day weekend.

- I. A single round trip permit may be issued for one move in and one move out; this permit may be valid for 5 business days. A multiple trip permit may be issued for an unlimited number of trips in 5 business day period.

J. <u>Permit Fees</u> -	Single Move and Single Mobile Home Permit	\$ 25.00
	Multiple Trip Single Move	\$ 50.00
	Extended Transportation and Extended Mobile Home Permit	\$ 100.00
	Buildings and Special Loads	\$ 100.00

\*Checks and money orders to be made payable to the Wexford County Road Commission

- K. Any of the following actions shall immediately void the permit and subject the applicant to appropriate legal action: (a) Misrepresentation of information set forth in an application for permit; (b) Any operation on highways beyond the size or weight limitations shown on the permit; (c) a change or erasure on the permit.

- L. All hydraulic attachments or mechanisms must be securely immobilized with adequate chains and binders. Vehicles must have air or lift axles on the ground.

- M. Vehicles shall be registered as required by Michigan statute and will not violate any statute or ordinance, rule or regulation of any state agency or subdivision of the state. Vehicles shall comply with all statutory provisions as to other permits, licensing, motor vehicle equipment and operation. Overweight permits valid only if transporting equipment is licensed for maximum legal axle loadings.

- N. Any approvals, reviews, and inspections of any nature by the Wexford County Road Commission, its officers, agents, and employees shall not be construed as a warranty or

assumption of liability on the part of the Wexford County Road Commission. It is expressly understood and agreed that any such approvals are for the sole and exclusive purposes of the Road Commission, which is acting in a governmental capacity. Any approvals, reviews, and inspections by the Wexford County Road Commission will not relieve the permittee of the permittee's obligations hereunder, nor are such approvals, reviews, and inspections by the Wexford County Road Commission to be construed as a warranty as to the propriety of the permittee's performance.

- O. Applicant agrees to accept responsibility for any damage caused to wires, mailboxes, trees, buildings, or the road, including the structures and appurtenances, and shall reimburse the appropriate parties for any damage caused by the moving of said vehicle or load. Applicant shall save harmless, indemnify, defend, and represent the Board against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim arising out of or related to the moving of said vehicle, load, or its presence on or use of the highway by said vehicle and load.

**HOW SINGLE MOVE PERMITS ARE OBTAINED**

Application may be submitted at the Wexford County Road Commission office by mail, in person, by facsimile or by electronic means if available (with prior approval).

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Insurance coverage as required by the laws of this state shall be in effect for moves operating with an oversize or overweight permit. Permits are not valid if insurance expires. Applicant to present evidence that at least the following insurance coverage is in full force and effect on each vehicle while operating on the public highways under special permit

Automobile Liability	
Bodily Injury – per person.....	\$ 500,000.00
Bodily Injury – per accident.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
Property Damage – per accident.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
Combined Single Limit.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
General Liability	
Each Occurrence.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
General Aggregate.....	\$ 1,000,000.00

The permittee or contractor shall name the Wexford County Road Commission as additional insured, by name, on the certificate of insurance worded as follows:

“The Board of Wexford County Road Commissioners, the Wexford County, and their officers, agents and employees, are named as additional insured parties.”

**CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT (SCRAPERS, MOBILE CRANES, LOADERS, ETC.)  
PREFABRICATED ITEMS (STRUCTURAL STEEL, TRUSSES, TANKS & AWNINGS, ETC.)  
BOATS**

**SINGLE TRIP PERMITS**

Maximum overall dimensions (loaded or unloaded):

- 16 feet in width
- 15 feet in height
- 150 feet in overall combination length

**EXTENDED PERMITS**

Maximum overall dimensions (loaded or unloaded):

12 feet 6 inches in width  
13 feet 6 inches in height  
75 feet in overall combination length  
45 feet in length of one truck or power unit

## **MOBILE HOMES**

### **SINGLE TRIP PERMITS**

WIDTH: 16 feet in actual body width and fixtures not to exceed 6 inches on each side.  
HEIGHT: When height is over 13'6", it is the applicant's responsibility to check for vertical clearance and overhead obstructions along route  
LENGTH: 80 ft. in body length of the mobile home or module; 95 feet overall length with towing vehicle.

### **EXTENDED PERMITS**

WIDTH: 14 feet in actual body width and fixtures not to exceed 3 inches on each side.  
HEIGHT: 14 feet, when height is over 13'6", it is the applicant's responsibility to check for vertical clearance and overhead obstructions along route.  
LENGTH: 80 ft. in body length of the mobile home or module; 95 feet overall length with towing vehicle.

## **POLES, PIPE & SIMILAR TYPE LOADS**

### **SINGLE TRIP PERMITS**

Maximum overall dimensions (loaded or unloaded):

16 feet in width  
15 feet in height  
150 feet in overall combination length

### **EXTENDED PERMITS**

Maximum overall dimensions (loaded or unloaded):

9 feet in width  
13 feet 6 inches in loaded height  
75 feet in overall combination length

Consideration will be given to the issuance of extended permits for loads of utility poles in excess of 75 feet to:

- i. Public utility companies and organizations doing work for public utility companies.
- ii. Firms under contract to utility companies and wishing to obtain extended permits in excess of 75 feet in length shall submit written confirmation from the utility company. The permits, if issued, will be issued to cover the service area of the utility company.

## **BUILDINGS AND SPECIAL LOAD MOVES**

The building to be moved must be loaded in a workmanlike and safe manner.

All brick and stone including chimneys shall be removed prior to movement, and the removal of attachments, such as eaves, garages, carports, or porches may be required.

If trees or plants within the highway right-of-way require removal or trimming, the mover shall obtain the approval of the Wexford County Road Commission prior to the move. The permittee shall pay the costs.