

**City of San Jose
Department of Transportation**

GENERAL REGULATIONS & CONDITIONS FOR EXTRA LEGAL LOAD PERMITS

NOTE: A copy of these regulations and conditions must accompany the permit and are hereby made a part thereof.

1. LIABILITY

The permittee is responsible for all liability for injury to or death of any person or damage to property which may occur through any act or omission of either the permittee or the City of San Jose. In the event any claim, suit, or action is brought against the City of San Jose, its officers or employees thereof, by reason of, or in connection with any such act or omission, permittee will defend or pay for City's defense, at City's option, and will indemnify and hold harmless the City of San Jose, its officers and employees from any such claim, suit or action.

2. INSPECTION OF PERMIT

A copy of this permit, with all parts legible, shall be carried in each vehicle to which this permit refers and shall be available for inspection by any peace officer, traffic officer, member of the Highway Patrol or any officer or employee of the City of San Jose charged with the care or protection of said street(s).

3. WEIGHT & DIMENSIONS

A. Single Trip

A single trip permit is issued based upon the permittee's representation that the load being carried has been reduced to its lightest and smallest dimensions. A single trip permit does not authorize the carrying of a load over the legally permissible dimension(s) by loading side by side, by stacking, or by loading end to end. A single trip permit also does not authorize the carrying of a load over the legally permissible weight if two or more separate items are transported as a single load. This permit is automatically canceled and is invalid if the load can be reduced to all legal limits by repositioning and/or removing a part, portion or unit(s) from the load.

If a load cannot be reduced to legal or permitted dimension(s), movement may be continued if legal weight limitations are achieved by removal of a part, portion or unit(s) therefrom. Conversely, additional small items related to the permitted load but not listed on the permit may be hauled provided they do not exceed legal dimensions and the laden carrier is of legal axle and gross weights. All equipment or loads ballasted with water, earth, or metal, etc., must have such ballast removed unless all axle and gross weights do not exceed Vehicle Code legal maximums.

B. Multiple Trip

A multiple trip permit only authorizes a load up to a maximum width of 12' where the load can not be reduced to the legally permissible width. This permit is automatically canceled and invalid if the load can be reduced to the legally permissible width by repositioning and/or removing any part of the load.

A multiple trip permit does not authorize the permittee to carry a load that exceeds the legally permissible height, weight or length maximums. In order to carry a load that exceeds the legally permissible height, weight and length maximums, the permittee must obtain a single trip permit.

4. REQUIREMENTS OF CVC

This permit is issued pursuant to Section 35780 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California. Except as specifically provided herein, the requirements of the Vehicle Code and any registration requirements and other applicable laws must be complied with in all particulars.

5. TIME RESTRICTIONS

Permittees are restricted from use of City streets during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Downtown is further restricted to multiple trip permittees from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Downtown limits are 1-280 to Julian Street and Route 87 to 4th Street.

6. PROTECTION ON BRIDGES OR NARROW STREETS

When crossing bridges or on streets so narrow that the trailer or load extends beyond the center line of roadway, a flagperson shall be posted ahead of such equipment to warn and direct approaching traffic.

7. FLAGPERSON

Should permittee post a flagperson(s) in order to warn and direct approaching traffic, each flagperson must be wearing an orange jacket or vest and be equipped with a red flag and paddle reading "STOP" in white letters with a red background. Flag persons shall not be less than 18 years of age and capable of carrying out flagging responsibilities.

8. RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRIDGES

This permit does not authorize crossing any posted bridges with gross load exceeding posted limits. Permittee shall comply with all rules posted on any bridges over which he/she shall pass and shall assume all risks relative thereto.

9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERHEAD CLEARANCE

When height of load exceeds legal limit, it becomes the responsibility of the permittee to check all underpasses, bridges, overhead wires or other structures for impaired vertical clearance and to bypass or arrange clearance at such locations.

10. NEED FOR PILOT VEHICLE

Permittee shall be accompanied front and rear by pilot vehicles with "Wide Load" signs, and flashing amber lights when the width of the subject vehicle exceeds 12'-00". When width exceeds 8'-6", but is 12'-00" or less, the permittee shall attach "Wide Load" signs to the front and rear of the vehicle large enough to be clearly defined at a distance of 500'.

11. PILOT CARS SHALL BE FURNISHED BY PERMITTEE

The vehicles shall display the appropriate signs and flashing amber lights. Signs shall be promptly removed upon completion of escort duty. Flashing amber lights must meet California Highway Patrol requirements. Vehicles used as pilot cars shall not be used to tow any other vehicle or equipment when operating as a pilot car.

12. RESIDENTIAL STREETS

Permittee shall not travel on any residential streets except when necessary for the shortest final approach to the ultimate destination. To the extent that this permit authorizes the carrying of a load in excess of the legally permissible limit, it does not authorize travel on a street where the vehicle weight exceeds a posted weight restriction except when necessary for the shortest final approach to the ultimate destination.

13. NOTIFICATION TO FIRE MARSHAL

If the cargo includes hazardous material, the carrier shall notify the City Fire Marshal at least 24 hours prior to the start of the move.

14. POLICE ESCORTS

Police escorts are required at the discretion of, and scheduled by, the Department of Streets and Traffic at the applicant's expense. Continuous speeds of 10 mph or less require police escorts and are restricted to single trip permits.

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