

### **1. Responsibility of Permittee**

The Permittee shall be knowledgeable and in compliance with all applicable California conditions, requirements, and laws for the use of the highway system and in particular movement of extralegal vehicles and/or loads.

### **2. Possession of Permit**

This permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is within the county limits. (California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 35783)

### **3. Void Permits**

This permit is null and void and hereby declared non-existent if:

- a. **ANY PORTION, PART OR SECTION IS ILLEGIBLE.**
- b. If used before or after the times and dates indicated.
- c. If any portion, part of section has been altered or if any attempt to alter is apparent.
- d. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle which is not specifically described on the face of the permit.
- e. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle by any company, not specifically named on the permit.
- f. If presented without the attachments specifically named on the face of the permit firmly affixed.

### **4. Permittee Agreement**

Acceptance of this permit constitutes an agreement by the Permittee to observe and comply with all of the general and specific conditions on the face of the permit and attachments thereto.

### **5. Verification**

The use of this permit is prima facie evidence that the driver has checked the load and/or vehicle and knows it to be within the limits as set forth hereon and has verified the routing accuracy. The vehicle and/or load authorized under this permit is subject to inspection by representatives of the Madera County Road Department or any law enforcement officer.

### **6. 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 arrange clearance or request alternate routing before commencing travel.

### **7. Liabilities**

The permittee is responsible for all liability for injury to, or death of person, or damage to property which may occur through any act or omission of either the permittee or the County of Madera arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event of any claim, suit or action is brought against the County of Madera, its officers, employees or agents thereof, by reasons of, or in connection with any such act of omission, permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees or agents from such claim, suit or action.

### **8. Repair of Damage**

In accepting this permit, the permittee agrees to repair at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the Road Commissioner, any damage to roadway appurtenances or structures resulting from travel under this permit. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by the Madera County Road Department forces at the option of the Road Commissioner, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to county roadway facilities such as bridges, traffic signals, light standards and other appurtenances, a written report must be filed with the Department within 72 hours after such damage has been done. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the Department for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.

### **9. Accident Reporting**

Accidents occurring while operating under permit and requiring a report to the Department of Motor Vehicles under CVC Section 16000 shall also be reported to the Road Department. A copy of the permit and accident report shall be mailed to the Madera County Road Department, Road Investigator, 2037 W Cleveland Ave. #D, Madera, CA 93637 within 30 days of the date of the accident. Failure to mail these copies will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges.

#### **10. Reducible Loads**

- This permit is issued for the movement of an “Extralegal Load” as defined in CVC 320.5 when loaded at its least dimension.
- This permit is automatically canceled if the permitted dimensions and weight can be reduced to legal by repositioning and/or practical removal of a part, portion, or unit therefrom.
- This permit does not authorize extralegal weight if the load can be repositioned to stay within legal axle or axle group weights authorized in CVC 35551 or 35551.5. If the load cannot be repositioned, the weights shown on the permit are authorized.
- Other items may be hauled in addition to the permitted item provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item (whichever is greater) and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights.
- Over height permits shall not be issued for items transported on a convectional flat deck trailer unless the deck is needed to support a long fragile load or a long load that would cause unbalanced axle group weights.

#### **11. Moving in Inclement Weather**

Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet (304.8 meters). Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow or frost, or when use of tire chains is mandatory. In addition, manufactured housing shall not move when the velocity of the wind is such that it causes the vehicle being towed to whip or swerve from side-to-side or fail to follow substantially in the path of the towing vehicle. Any accident caused by excessive wind or weather conditions shall be considered a prima facie violation of this condition.

#### **12. Lane Use**

When practical, the vehicle shall be kept in the far right lane of the roadway and shall not encroach on roadway shoulders except where necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass.

#### **13. Towing Disabled Permit Vehicles**

Disabled extralegal vehicles or extralegal combinations of vehicles, whose movement is authorized by a transportation permit, or any disabled legal vehicle or legal combination of vehicles which because of damage has incurred distortion in width or height thereby causing an excess in legal dimensions may only be moved at the direction of a peace officer. Disabled overweight permit vehicles/loads shall only authorized movement by a peace officer to a point where the roadway has been safely cleared. Movement of the permit vehicle/load beyond this point shall be completed under the authority of a City, County, or State transportation permit, whichever is applicable. Single trip permits for towing permit vehicles shall require reduction of the disabled combinations to the least dimension possible.

#### **14. Tires**

Tires on permitted vehicles shall comply with the California Code of Regulations title 13, commencing with Section 1085 of Article 14. Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity marked on the tire sidewall.

#### **15. Warning Signs and Flags**

All loads/vehicles over 8’6” in width, 80 feet in length or more that 10 feet of overhand shall display warning signs. Signs shall be posted on the front and rear of the vehicle or on the front of the lead vehicle and the rear of the back trailer with multi-vehicle combinations. Signs shall have black letters on a yellow background and comply with Section 502.9 of the State of California, Department of Transportation “Transportation Permit Manual.” Flags shall comply with Section 25104 of the CVC.

#### **16. Movement During Darkness**

“Darkness” is defined in Section 280 of the CVC as being “...any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise...” Reference to “sunset” and/or “sunrise” on the permits includes this one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and sunset.

#### **17. Protect Asphalt Pavement**

Whenever heavy equipment or a structure is to be moved with steel tires over asphaltic type pavement between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, it is to be moved before 9 .m. or after 5 p.m.

**Transportation Permit  
Special conditions for Manufactured Housing  
In Excess of 14 feet Wide – Transporter’s Certification**

The following special conditions are applicable to all permits authorizing travel for a manufactured home as defined in Section 18007 of the Health and Safety code which is in excess of 14 feet.

**Transporter’s Certification:**

Unit Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(As Provided by Manufacturer)

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating \_\_\_\_\_ pounds  
(As Provided by Manufacturer)

**THE ATTACHED PERMIT IS NULL AND VOID IF THERE IS NOT COMPLETE COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- 1) The attached Manufacturer or Dealer Certification has been reviewed and the referenced unit has been inspected for compliance by the driver(s) operating under the authority of this permit.
- 2) The driver(s) are familiar with the permitted route and have previously traversed the route so as to have first hand knowledge of all overhead obstructions as well as possible areas of conflict with adjacent or oncoming traffic.
- 3) Where traffic control must be exercised to negotiate the permitted route, law enforcement assistance has been formally negotiated and arranged under written contract.
- 4) The driver(s) have discussed and reached understanding with all pilot car operators toward their obligation and requirements.
- 5) Permits and/or formal authorization for roadways under local jurisdiction will be carried with this permit or presented to any law enforcement office or representative of the Department of Transportation upon request.
- 6) The driver(s) meets all requirements for Commercial Vehicle Operation in California.
- 7) The towing vehicle is a truck tractor and when in combination with the unit is capable of meeting the topping distance requirements of California

The undersigned acknowledges compliance with the above conditions. Furthermore, the undersigned recognizes failure to comply with these conditions or any requirement for operation on County roadways may result in citation and penalty.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company (Print)

**Transportation Permit  
Special Conditions for Manufactured Housing  
At 14 feet or Less in Width (SCMH)**

The following special conditions are applicable to all permits authorizing travel for a “Park Trailer” as defined in Section 18010 of the Health and Safety Code or a “Manufactured Home” as defined in Section 387 of the California Vehicle Code:

**General:**

- 1) In acceptance of the permit, the applicant certifies that he or she is in compliance with all applicable statutes and specifically with Section 35790 (e) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) which states in part:

“Permits for the movement of manufactured homes under this section shall not be issued except to transporters or licensed manufacturers and dealers...”

- 2) Movement in convoy shall not be permitted unless specified on the face of the permit.
- 3) Transportation Permit Condition #16, “Tires” does not apply to Manufactured Housing units that 14 feet or less in width. Axle weights shall not exceed 6,000 pounds per axle on the park trailer or manufactured home. Tire loading, including the service factor 50% increase, is dependent on tire wear and shall be in compliance with all Federal and State rules, conditions, and laws.
- 4) Units open on one side shall be covered by plywood, hard board or other rigid material. In lieu of rigid material, suitable plastics, or other flexible material may be used. Billowing or flapping plastic or flexible side covering in excess of 6 inches in any one place is not acceptable and renders the permit void until repaired.
- 5) Units open on both sides such as those used for temporary schools, warehouses, offices, etc. may be moved empty with no side covering.

**Tow Vehicle:**

- 1) For towing units of 12 feet in width or less:

The tow vehicle shall be a truck tractor with dual rear wheels and an unladen weight of not less than 6,500 pounds as defined in CVC Sections 655 and 660 respectively.

- 2) For towing units greater than 12 feet in width:

The tow vehicle shall be a truck tractor with dual rear wheels and an unladen weight or not less than 9,500 pounds as defined in CVC Sections 655 and 660 respectively.

## **Transportation Permit Special Conditions for Tow Trucks**

The following special conditions for axle weights are applicable to all permits authorizing travel for a "Tow Truck" operating within the 100-mile radius described in Division 15, Section 35401 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC). When towing a disabled vehicle\*, the Tow Truck must meet all conditions specified on the face of this permit. The disabled vehicle is authorized the following maximum axle weights while under tow:

### **MAXIMUM DISABLED VEHICLE AXLE WEIGHTS WHILE UNDER TOW:**

- SINGLE AXLE:** Legal Weight as specified in Division 15, Section 35550 of the CVC. Applies to consecutive axles separated by a distance greater than 9 feet.
- TANDEM AXLE:** 40,040 pounds. Applies to two consecutive axles separated by a minimum distance of 4 feet and a maximum of 9 feet.
- TRIDEM AXLE:** 44,590 pounds. Applies to three consecutive axles with a distance of 9 feet between the first and last axle of the group.

This additional axle weight is authorized for a disabled vehicle while under tow. The authorization is not intended to relieve the owner/operator of the disabled vehicle from Division 15, Chapter 5, "WEIGHT" of the CVC.

\* **DISABLED VEHICLE:** "Disabled Vehicle: when referred to in this Special Condition is intended to include any vehicle or combination of vehicles meeting all requirements of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).