CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
TRANSPORTATION PERMIT CONDITIONS

Authority
Under the appropriate authority of Division 15, Chapter 5, Article 6 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the Public Works Department may, at its discretion upon application and if good cause appears, issue special permits to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximums specified in the CVC. Except as specifically provided herein, the requirements of the CVC, including vehicle registration requirements, signing (CVC 27900) and other applicable laws, must be complied with in all particulars.

Possession of Permit:
This permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is being moved within the highway limits, and shall be open to inspection by any peace officer, traffic officer, authorized agent of the Public Works Department, or any other officer or employee charged with the care and protection of such highways (CVC. 35783).

Definition:
Per CVC 320.5 An "**extralegal** load" is a single unit or an assembled item which, due to its design, cannot be reasonably reduced or dismantled in size or weight so that it can be legally transported as a load without a permit as required by Section 35780 (CVC).

Responsibility of Permittee:
The permittee shall be knowledgeable and in compliance with all applicable California as well as County conditions, requirements, and laws for the use of County roads and highways and in particular movement of extralegal vehicles and/or loads.

Permit Conditions

1. **Validity of Permit**
   This permit is valid only for movement on the assigned County Maintained Streets under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department and on alternate routes and detours signed as such and approved by the State and/or City permits where appropriate must be secured for travel on roads and streets under their respective jurisdictions unless otherwise specified on this permit.

2. **Void Permit**
   This permit is null and void and hereby declared non-existent
   - **a.** if any portion, part or section is illegible.
   - **b.** if it is not signed by an authorized representative of the Contra Costa County Public Works Department.
   - **c.** if any portion, part or section has been altered or if an 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 or moving a vehicle by any company, crew, or equipment not specifically named or organizationally related to the company, agency, or firm to which the permit was issued.
   - **f.** if presented without the attachments firmly affixed that are, specifically, named and required upon the face of the permit.
   - **g.** if used to represent proper authority for carrying a load or moving a vehicle before and/or after the times and dates authorized.

3. **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.

   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 heron and has verified the routing accuracy. The vehicle and/or load authorized under this permit is subject to inspection by representatives of the Public Works Department and costs of such inspection shall be borne by the permittee.

4. **Repair of Damage**
   In accepting this permit, the permittee agrees to repair at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works Department any damage to highway appurtenances or structures resulting from travel under this permit. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by Public Works Department forces at the option of the Director of Public Works, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to County highway 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.

5. **Liabilities**
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 Contra Costa County arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event any claim, suit or action is brought against Contra Costa County, its officers, employees or agents thereof, by reason of, or in connection with any such act or omission, permittee shall defend, indemnity, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees or agents from such claim, suit or action.

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

7. **Reducible loads**
This permit is issued for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined in CVC. 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions. This permit is automatically canceled if the permitted dimensions and weight can be reduced to legal limits 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. Overheight permits shall not be issued for items transported on a conventional 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.

8. **Tire Capacity**
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.

9. **Booster Type Axles**
A booster axle is an axle, generally, having an air or hydraulic cylinder suspension system that can be actuated independently to assume a portion of the weight that would otherwise be carried by adjacent axles. Booster axles and add-on or "Joe Dog" axles shall not be used in the movement of overweight permit loads.

10. **Traveled Way**
Where practical, the vehicle shall be kept in the far right lane of the highway and shall not encroach on highway shoulders except where necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass.

11. **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 face of the permit includes this said one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and sunset. Movement is not allowed when visibility is less than 1,000 feet.

12. **Holiday Movement**
Unless authorized on the face of this permit, movement is prohibited on the following holidays (or any of these holidays falling on a weekend and celebrated on a weekday): New Years Day, Washington's Birthday (3rd Monday in February), Memorial Day (Last Monday in May), Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. When one of the above listed holidays falls on Monday or Friday, permit movements will not be allowed on the holiday, nor on the immediately preceding or following weekend, unless authorized on the face of the permit. Restriction on the time of move may be imposed on certain highways where, due to a holiday, a substitute increase in traffic volume is recorded. Alternate routes should be used where available.

13. **Moving in Inclement Weather**
Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet. Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow or frost, or when use of tire chains is mandatory. No moving shall be done 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.

14. **Movement in Convoy**
Movement in convoy shall not be permitted unless specified on the face of the permit.

15. **Load Signs**
All loads or vehicles being moved on County Maintained Streets which exceed 8'-6" in width, 80' in length, or more than 10' of overhang shall display appropriate warning signs.

Signs shall be posted on front and rear and shall read "LONG LOAD" or "OVERSIZE". The "LONG LOAD" sign shall be used whenever overall length exceeds 100 feet. The "OVERSIZE" sign shall be used for shorter lengths and other oversize features. The more definitive signs reading "WIDE LOAD", "LONG LOAD", "OVERSIZE LOAD", "EXCESSIVE FRONT OVERHANG" or "EXCESSIVE REAR OVERHANG" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The "LONG LOAD" sign shall have preference when length exceeds 100 feet and other oversize features exist. The lettering shall be a 10-inch minimum height with a 1-5/8-inch minimum brush stroke, and a minimum 1-inch margin all around. All signs shall be black letters on a yellow background, mounted at least 18 inches above the road surface front and rear. Signs shall be neat, clean, legible, mounted securely and visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degree either side thereof.

16. **Pilot Car and Equipment**
It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that pilot car vehicles and operators are equipped and briefed as to their duties prior to movement. Pilot cars shall be single vehicles with a minimum of 60 inches in width, and may operate with a nondestructive vertical clearance measuring device with height in excess of 14 feet.

Pilot cars shall be equipped with:

- **a.** one each STOP/SLOW sign paddle;
- **b.** one each orange vest, shirt or jacket;
- **c.** one each red hand flag (24-inches square);
- **d.** two-way radio communication between the pilot car(s) and the transporting vehicle.
- **e.** top-mounted flashing amber warning light(s). The light(s) shall be visible to the front when leading and to the rear when following, and shall be operated at all times when escorting a permit move Lights shall be removed or covered with opaque material when not escorting movement described on Permit (25270 C.V.C.).
- **g.** red warning flag on each side of vehicle. The flags shall be a minimum of 16-inches square, and shall be mounted so as to be visible from both the front and rear of the vehicle. The flags shall be removed or covered when the vehicle is not operating as a pilot vehicle.
- **f.** neat, clean and legible sign(s) visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degree either side thereof. The bottom of the sign(s) shall be a minimum of 48 inches above the ground. The sign shall read "OVERSIZE" when viewed from the front or rear. The more definitive signs reading "OVERSIZE LOAD", "WIDE LOAD", or "LONG LOAD" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The sign shall have a bright yellow background with black lettering and have a minimum of projected area of 440 square inches. The lettering shall have a one-inch minimum brush stroke with a six (6) inch minimum projected letter height.

17. **Pilot Car Location and Responsibility**
When required a permit shall list all streets where pilot car(s) are required.

A pilot car shall:

- **a.** precede the load on two- or three-lane conventional roads and follow on four or more lane conventional highways and divided highways. When two pilot cars are required, one shall precede and one shall follow;
- **b.** remain right of the centering of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the highway. The use of a pilot car does not grant to the permittee the right to pre-empt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the permit move shall not occupy that lane until it has been advised by the pilot car that the lane is clear of all on-coming traffic. Opposing traffic is not to be stopped, except in extreme emergencies. It shall be the responsibility of the permit move to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding.
- **c.** maintain proper interval between load and the pilot car to allow passing by other traffic.

A pilot car shall not:

- **d.** impede or pre-empt opposing traffic;
- **e.** tow another vehicle while being used as a pilot car
- **f.** display the STOP/SLOW sign paddle out of the window of a moving vehicle;
- **g.** stop opposing traffic except in extreme emergencies;
- **h.** convoy more than one load at the same time;

When necessary to post a flagger in order to warn and direct traffic, the flagging shall be done in accordance with Title 8, Sections 1598 and 1599 of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Construction Safety Orders and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, California Supplement. Flaggers shall not be less than 18 years of age.

18. **Manufactured Housing Axle Weight**
Axle weights for "Manufactured Housing" (VC 387) shall not exceed 6,000 lbs. per axle.

19. **Manufactured Housing - Tow Vehicle**
Tractor units towing manufactured housing is defined in C.V.C. 387 that exceed legal width and up to 12 feet width shall be equipped with dual rear wheel and shall have an unladen weight as defined in C.V.C. 660 of not less than 6,500 lbs.
Tractor units towing manufactured housing exceeding 12 feet in width shall be equipped as required above with an unladen weight as defined in C.V.C. 660 of not less than 9,500 lbs.

20. **Open Side Covering**
Open sided units 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 of plastic or flexible side covering in excess of 6 inches in any one place will not be permitted.
Units open on both sides, such as used for temporary schools, warehouses, offices, etc., may be moved empty with no side covering.

21. **Tow Cars**
Disabled legal vehicles or legal combination of vehicles may be towed on County streets to the nearest appropriate place of repair or to the nearest secure storage area that is appropriate for the vehicles or lead, whichever is closest and most accessible. It is not the intent of this permit to allow these combinations to be towed to their ultimate destination for convenience, unless that destination meets the above criteria.

Disabled legal vehicles or combination of vehicles, when connected to a tow care may exceed legal gross weight. When one end of a truck or truck tractor of legal weight is elevated by a tow care, the drive axles, the tow car and/or the drive axle or axles of the disabled vehicles may exceed legal axle or axle group weight limitations. If any axle or axle group exceeds legal weight, movement is limited to the routes or area shown on the attachment.

22. **Towing Permit Loads and/or Vehicles**
Disabled extralegal vehicles or extra legal combination 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 dimension may only be moved at the direction of a peace officer. Disabled overweight permit vehicles/loads shall only be authorized movement by a peace officer to a point where the highway 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.

23. **Vehicle Manufacturer's Recommendations**
By using a transportation permit for the transport of extralegal loads issued by the County of Contra Costa Public Works Department, the hauler is responsible for complying with all the vehicle manufacture's recommendations and assumes all liability.

24. **Permit Accuracy and Proposed Routing**
The permittee shall be responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the proposed routing, and for obtaining any required City and/or State permits and/or other rights of entry for those portions of the route which are outside of the jurisdiction of the County. The permittee shall be responsible for assuring that the actual vehicle/vehicle combination/load is within the maximum permitted dimensional limits described on the face of this permit and for verifying that the proposed route shown on the face of this permit will provide adequate horizontal and at least three (3) inches vertical clearance for the said vehicle/vehicle combination/load. The actual vehicle/vehicle combination/load is not required to be as large as the permitted dimensions.

25. **Route Survey**
All vehicle/vehicle combinations/loads exceeding 15' in height require a route survey to be performed prior to the issuance of the permit. The permittee shall complete Attachment 5 "Route Survey Form" and submit it to the County with the transportation permit.

25. **Building Permit Required**
Any mobile home, modular building, office trailer, building or structure requiring a Building Permit (as determined by the Contra Costa County Building Inspection Department) moved onto private property within the unincorporated areas of the County shall have a valid Building Permit number from the County Building Inspection Department prior to the issuance of the transportation permit. The Building Permit number shall be written on the face of the transportation permit form.

26. **House Moves**
The movement of a building or structure on dollies, or on a vehicle exceeding a loaded height of 15' or loaded width of 15' requires a House Move Permit and a Building Permit and is not authorized to be moved by a standard County transportation permit.

27. **Insurance**
The permittee shall provide an acceptable certificate of insurance naming Contra Costa County, its officers, employees and agents as additionally insured. The minimum coverage amounts are one million dollars of Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance, and one million dollars Comprehensive Automobile Liability, and Worker's Compensation Insurance pursuant to State Law, including Employer's Liability.