

# CITY OF SUNNYVALE – PERMIT CONDITIONS

## REVISED JANUARY 2007

### Authority:

Under the appropriate authority of Division 15, Chapter 5, Article 6 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), a local authority may, at its discretion, issue special permits to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size height 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:

Every permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection of any peace officer, traffic officer, authorized agent of the Department of Transportation, or any other officer or employee charged with the care or protection of such highways (CVC 35783)

### Permit Conditions:

#### 1. Validity of Permit

This permit is valid only for movement on the assigned truck routes and overcrossing under the jurisdiction of the City of Sunnyvale and on alternate routes and detours signed as such and approved by the City. County and/or State 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 City of Sunnyvale,
- c. if any portion, part of section has been altered or if an attempt to alter is apparent,
- d. if presented in the form of a reproduced copy, other than an "authorized facsimile copy". Annual permits are allowed only in the original form. No reproduced copies are allowed.
- e. 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,
- f. if used to represent proper authority of 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,
- g. if presented without the attachments firmly affixed that are, specifically named and required upon the face of the permit,
- h. 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 hereon and has verified the routing accuracy. The vehicle and/or load authorized under this permit are subject to inspection by representatives of the City of Sunnyvale and costs of such inspection shall be borne by 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, any damage to highway appurtenance or structures. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by City of Sunnyvale forces at the option of the Director of Public Works, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to the City highway facilities such as bridges, traffic signals, light standards, and other appurtenances, a written report must be filed with the City 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 City 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 the City of Sunnyvale arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event any claim, suit or action is brought against the City of Sunnyvale, its officers, employees or agents thereof, by reason of, or in connection with any such act or omission, permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, 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, 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 cancelled 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.

Other items may be hauled provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights.

Overweight 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

Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity of the vehicle tires.

#### 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 1000 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 Year's Day  
Washington's Birthday (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February)  
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)  
Independence Day                      Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day                      Christmas Day

When one of the above listed holidays falls on Monday or Friday, permit movements will not be allowed on the holiday nor 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 substantial 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 substantial line 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 During Peak Commute Hours

Moves shall not be made during peak commute hours that are Monday through Friday between 6-9 AM and between 3-7 PM.

## 15. Movement in Convoy

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

## 16. Load Signs

All loads or vehicles being moved on City truck routes 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 sides thereof.

## 17. 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:

- one each STOP/SLOW sign paddle,
- one each orange vest, shirt or jacket,
- one each red hand flag (18" x 18" minimum)
- two-way radio communication between the pilot car(s) and the transporting vehicle;
- top-mounted flashing amber warning light(s) visible to the front when leading and to the rear when following, and shall be operated at all times when escorting a permitted move. Lights shall be removed or covered with opaque material when not escorting movement described on Permit. (25270 CVC)
- 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 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.

## 18. Pilot Car Requirements, Location, and Responsibility

Pilot car(s) are required on all moves where front or rear overhang exceeds **25 feet**, vehicle combination length exceed **100 feet**, load width exceeds **10 feet** or when load width otherwise exceeds the lane width of the travel way, unless otherwise noted on the face of your permit. Load exceeding **14 feet** shall require two pilot cars, one shall precede and one shall follow. Please note that, due to lane widths being narrower on local streets than on State highways, this permit may require a pilot car even though your State permit does not require one.

A pilot car shall:

- 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;
- remain right of the centerline of the highway 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 stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding;
- Maintain proper interval between load and the pilot care to allow passing by other traffic;

A pilot car shall not:

- tow another vehicle while being used as a pilot car,
- display the STOP/SLOW sign paddle out or the window of a moving vehicle;
- 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 Caltrans "Manual of Traffic Control". Flaggers shall not be less than 18 years of age.

## 19. Open Side Covering (i.e. manufactured homes, modular units, etc)

This section is 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. In acceptance of this permit, the applicant certifies that he or she is in compliance with all applicable statutes and specifically with Section 35790 (e) of the 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..."

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 of plastic or flexible side covering in excess of 6 inches in any one place will not be permitted and renders the permit void until repaired.

Units open on both sides, such as those used for temporary schools, warehouses, offices, etc. may be moved empty with no side covering.

## 20. Towing Permit Loads and/or Vehicles

Disabled vehicles or combination of vehicles whose movement is authorized by a transportation permit or any disabled vehicle or 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 or single trip permit issued by The City of Sunnyvale.

## 21. Notification of Public Safety

Applicant shall notify Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety at (408) 730-7110 at least 24 hours in advance of the move.



**CITY OF SUNNYVALE**  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

**TRANSPORTATION PERMIT**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST AND SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS WRITTEN BELLOW AND THE ATTACHMENTS PERMISSIONS IS HEREBY GRANTED TO:

**PERMIT VALID**

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOVING AUTHORIZED:**

SATURDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

DARKNESS (CVC 280): \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMIT NUMBER**

THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING ATTACHEMENTS:

- Permit Conditions \_\_\_\_\_
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**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**CITY/STATE/ZIP**

**OFFICE PHONE NUMBER** (Include Area Code)

**FAX NUMBER** (Include Area Code)

(PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE LOAD OR EQUIPMENT AND MODEL NO. – INCLUDE DIMENSIONS OF LOAD)

Authorization is granted for the following:  Haul  Drive  Tow

DESCRIPTION OF HAULING EQUIPMENT:

VEHICLE WIDTH:	SEMI-TRAILER LENGTH			KINGPIN TO LAST AXLE:			COMB. VEHICLE LENGTH:		
AXLE NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NUMBER OF TIRES PER AXLE									
DISTANCE BETWEEN AXLES									
WIDTH OF AXLES AT TIRE SIDEWALL									
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHT									

**LOADED DIMENSIONS GREATER THAN THOSE SHOWN BELOW OR WEIGHTS EXCEEDING THOSE SHOWN ABOVE ARE NOT AUTHORIZED**

LOADED HEIGHT:	LOADED WIDTH:	LOADED OVERALL LENGTH:	LOADED OVERHANG:	WEIGHT CLASS:
ORIGIN (INCLUDE CITY/TOWN AND ON RAMP/CROSS STREET):		DESTINATION (INCLUDE CITY/TOWN AND EXIT RAMP/CROSS STREET):		

**AUTHORIZED SUNNYVALE ROADWAYS** – STATE, COUNTY, AND/OR OTHER CITIES' PERMIT REQUIRED WHENEVER THE \* IS SHOWN IN THE SUNNYVALE ROUTE.

PILOT CAR – (SEE PERMIT CONDITIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED HERE.)  YES  NO

CASH, CHARGE, CREDIT CARD OR EXEMPT INFORMATION & V-CODE			APPLICANT SIGNATURE		DATE:
CREDIT CARD EXP. DATE:	FEE	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AUTHORIZED CITY AGENT		DATE:
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REQUESTED ROUTE: (Include Address of Origin and Delivery Site)

CONTACT PERSON: (Print)	CITY AGENT: (Print)
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