

**CITY OF SAN MARCOS**  
**TRANSPORTATION GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS**

**AUTHORITY**

Under the appropriate authority of San Marcos Municipal Chapter 12.40 and Division 15, Article 6 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the City of San Marcos may, at its discretion, 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 California Vehicle Safety Alliance officer, authorized agent of the City of San Marcos, or any other officer or employee charged with the care and protection of such highways (CVC 35783).

**GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS**

**1. VALIDITY OF PERMIT**

This permit is valid only for movement on the assigned City highways and overcrossings under the jurisdiction of the City of San Marcos 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. CITY APPROVED TRUCK ROUTES**

Upon the recommendation of the City Traffic Commission and the City Traffic Engineer, the City Council may, by ordinance, designate, establish and maintain fixed truck routes within the City (SMMC Chapter 12.40). The City Council hereby establishes the following streets as fixed truck routes to be effective when posted:

- 1) Pico Avenue between Mission Road and San Marcos Boulevard
- 2) Via Vera Cruz between Grand Avenue and San Marcos Boulevard
- 3) Linda Vista Drive between Grand Avenue and Rancho Santa Fe Road
- 4) Grand Avenue between Rancho Santa Fe Road and San Marcos Boulevard
- 5) Mission Road between Rancho Santa Fe Road and Barham Drive
- 6) South Santa Fe Road between Smilax Road and Rancho Santa Fe Road
- 7) San Marcos Boulevard between Business Park Drive and Twin Oaks Valley Road
- 8) Questhaven Road between Rancho Santa Fe Road and the Entrance to the San Marcos County Landfill
- 9) Woodland Parkway between Mission Road and Barham Drive
- 10) Las Posas Road between Mission Road and San Marcos Boulevard
- 11) Rancho Santa Fe Road between Mission Road and Melrose Drive

### **3. VOID PERMIT**

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

- a) If any portion, part or section is illegible.
- b) If it is not signed by an authorized representative of the City of San Marcos.
- c) Annual permits, Dirt Hauling permits and City Project permits are allowed only in the original form, no reproduced copies are allowed. Single load copies are only accepted in copy form when processed through the City of San Marcos Engineering Division by facsimile. All facsimile copies must have the signed acknowledgement form attached to the permit at all times.
- 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 organization 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.

### **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 hereto.

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 City of San Marcos and costs of such inspection shall be borne by the Permittee.

### **5. 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, City of San Marcos, and damage to highway appurtenances.

Notwithstanding work or repair may be done by the City of San Marcos Department of Public Works forces, or its assigns, at the option of the Director of Public Works, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to 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 occurred. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the City of San Marcos for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.

### **6. 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 San Marcos arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event of claims, suit or action brought against the City of San Marcos, 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 of San Marcos, its officers, employees or agents from such claim, suite or action.

**7. OVERHEAD CLEARANCE**

When height of load exceeds legal limit (14 ft.) it becomes the responsibility of the permittee to check all underpasses, bridges, overhead wires, traffic signal mast arms or other structures for impaired vertical clearance and to bypass or arrange clearance at such locations.

**8. REDUCIBLE LOADS**

This permit is issued for the movement of an "extra legal load" as defined in CVC 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions.

This permit 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.

**9. TIRE CAPACITY**

Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity of vehicle tires except as allowed by Title 13, Article 14, Section 1085 of the California Administrative Code. After January 1, 1988, said weight shall not exceed the rated capacity of vehicle tires.

**10. BOOSTER TYPE AXLES**

A booster axle is an axle, generally, having an air hydraulic cylinder suspension system that can be actuated independent 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 loads.

**11. TRAVEL 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.

**12. MOVEMENT DURING DARKNESS**

Movement of oversize loads or vehicles shall be prohibited during the hours of darkness (one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise as defined in Section 280 of the CVC). Movement is not allowed when visibility is less than 1,000 feet.

**13. 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  
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (IN JANUARY)  
PRESIDENT'S DAY  
MEMORIAL DAY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
LABOR DAY  
VETERAN'S 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 for the day 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.

**14. MOVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Movement shall not occur in fog, rain or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet. Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous to rain. 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 flow 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.

**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 highways which exceed 8 ft. 6 in. in width, 80 ft. in length or more than 10 ft. 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 ft. 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 and 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 degrees either side thereof.

**17. PILOT CAR AND EQUIPMENT**

Vehicles exceeding 65 feet in length and/or 12 feet in width require pilot cars. The Sheriff's Traffic Division must be contacted before each trip when using pilot cars. 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 (18 in. x 18 in. minimum);
- 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 load. Lights shall be removed or covered with opaque material when not escorting movement described on Permit. (CVC 25270).

- f. Neat, clean and legible signs(s) visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45 degrees 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 inch (6") minimum projected letter height.

#### **18. PILOT CAR LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY**

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 centerline of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the highway. When it becomes necessary because of the 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;
- d. Accompany the permitted load over all operational California Highway Patrol/San Diego County Sheriff San Marcos station facilities.

A pilot car SHALL NOT:

- a. Pre-empt opposing traffic;
- b. Tow another vehicle while being used as a pilot car;
- c. Display the STOP/SLOW sign paddle out of the window of a moving vehicle;
- d. Stop opposing traffic except in extreme emergencies;
- e. Convoy more than one load at the same time;

When necessary to post a flagman 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 Controls". Flagmen shall not be younger than 18 years of age.

#### **19. MANUFACTURED HOUSING AXLE WEIGHT**

Axle weights for "Manufactured Housing" (CVC 387) shall not exceed 6,000 lbs. per axle.

#### **20. MANUFACTURED HOUSING – TOW VEHICLES**

Tractor units towing manufactured housing as defined in CVC 387 that exceed legal width and up to 12 ft. in width shall be equipped with dual rear wheels and shall have an unladen weight as defined in CVC 660 of not less than 9,500 lbs.

Tractor units towing manufactured housing exceeding 12 ft. in width shall be equipped as required above with an unladen weight as defined in CVC 660 of not less than 9,500 lbs.

**21. 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.

**22. SCALES AND INSPECTION FACILITIES**

Every driver of an extra legal vehicle when operating on a city highway shall be subject to CVC 2813 and stop at all operational scales and inspection facilities.

**23. TOW CARS**

Disabled legal vehicles or legal combination of vehicles may be towed on City highways to the nearest appropriate place of repair, or to the nearest secure storage area that is appropriate for the vehicle or load, whichever is closest and most accessible. It is not the intent of this permit to allow these vehicles to be towed to their ultimate destination for convenience, unless that destination meets the above criteria.

Disable legal vehicles or combination of vehicles, when connected to a tow car may exceed legal gross weight. When one end of a truck or truck tractor or legal weight is elevated by a tow car, the drive axles, the tow car and/or the drive axle or axles of the disabled vehicle may exceed legal axle or axle group weight limitations. If any axle or axle group exceeds legal weight, movement is limited to the approved city truck route(s) or a route approved by the City Traffic Engineer.

**24. TOWING PERMIT LEADS 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 San Marcos.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT AS OUTLINED.**

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**THESE CONDITIONS ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**