

Oversize loads on Delta County Roads and Bridges

Policy # 52

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Michigan Vehicle Code, Act 300 of 1949, Section 257.722

I. Introduction:

Due to low over passes and load restrictions placed on State and US highways in Delta County it is necessary to permit over size loads to use the Delta County Road and Bridge System. The primary route for oversize loads will be the over-height, over-weight, over-width reroute, commonly known as the truck reroute. The following is intended to outline to the public, trucking companies, townships and others what the Road Commission's policy is for over size loads on Delta County Roads and Bridges. This policy is necessary to demonstrate the procedure to be taken when determining if an oversize load will be allowed to move across Delta County Roads and Bridges. **Permits will not be issued for loads that exceed posted limits on bridges.**

II. Normal Loading:

The Delta County Road Commission has adopted Michigan Normal loading as defined in Section 257.722 of the Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949.

III. Over Size Permits:

All loads that exceed Michigan Normal Loading by weight, height, or width shall require a permit to utilize roads under the jurisdiction of the Delta County Road Commission. **All permit applications shall require a 48-hour notice prior to the requested date and time of the move. For requested permit moves on a Monday the Permit application shall be received by 12:00 noon on the previous Thursday.** The Delta County Road Commission has adopted by resolution the County Road Association of Michigan recommended Truck Permits that shall be used for all oversize loads traveling on roads under the jurisdiction of the Delta County Road Commission. Prior to issuance of a permit the requesting party must meet all requirements of the permit.

Over Size Permits continued:

The following is a list of permits available by the Delta County Road Commission:

- 1) Single Move
 - 2) Extended Transportation
 - 3) Single Move Mobile Home Transportation
 - 4) Extended Mobile Home Transportation
 - 5) Building and Special Load Move
 - 6) Spring Break-up Period
- A. When an over size load exceeds Michigan Normal Loading by axle weight, height or width the following may be required:
- Building and Special move permit
 - A notice of 4 working days may be required because of excessive weight and bridge load analysis.
 - A pilot/escort must be provided by the Trucking company
 - A Delta County Road Commission escort may also be necessary
 - The Manager and/or the Assistant Manager must be notified for approval of a Special load permit.
 - A load analysis must be completed for each bridge the overweight load must cross unless there is a recent analysis on file.
 - The speed limit of the Vehicle must not exceed 35 mph
 - The speed limit while crossing a bridge must not exceed 5 mph
 - The load must be centered on the bridge, unless the load analysis determines different due to beam spacing and alignment.
- B. All costs incurred by the Delta County Road Commission to determine the safe movement of a load across roads and/or bridges under its jurisdiction shall be added to the cost of the permit. Such costs may include but are not limited to:
- Delta County Road Commission escort
 - Load analysis of a bridge
 - Administration costs

IV. Spring Weight Reductions and Permits:

During the spring seasonal weight restriction period (usually the months of March, April, and May, but can be as early as February depending on weather conditions), the maximum axle load allowable on concrete pavements or pavements with a concrete base shall be reduced by 25% from the maximum normal loading. The maximum axle load allowable on all other surface types shall be reduced by 35% from the maximum normal loading.

A. Spring loading permits

1) Agricultural Commodities:

A person hauling agricultural commodities applies only if the person who picks up or delivers the agricultural commodity either from a farm or to a farm notifies the Delta County Road Commission **48 hours** before the pickup or delivery of the time and location of the pickup or delivery. The permit shall contain the following:

- a. Designated route or routes of travel for the load
- b. The date and time period requested by the person who picks up or delivers the agricultural commodities during which the load be delivered or pick up.
- c. A maximum speed limit of travel, if necessary
- d. Any other specific conditions agreed to between the parties.

2) PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Term “Public Utility” when used in this policy means any company or corporation, other than municipal that provides facilities for producing, generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing gas or electricity for the production of light, heat or power to or for the public. This section applies to public utility vehicles that are owned or operated by public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Michigan public service commission, or, or are subcontracted by public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Michigan public service commission to perform electrical emergency public utility work only under the following circumstances:

PUBLIC UTILITIES CONTINUED:

a. Emergency public utility work on restricted roads, as follows:

- (i) The public utility shall notify the Delta County Road Commission, as soon as practical, of the location of the emergency public utility work and provide a statement that the vehicles that were used to perform the emergency utility work may have exceeded the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirements. The notification may be made via facsimile or electronically.
- (ii) The utility vehicles travel to and from the site of the emergency at a speed not to exceed 35 mph while on restricted roads.

b. Non-emergency utility work on restricted roads, as follows:

- (i) The public utility shall apply to the Delta County Road Commission annually for a seasonal truck permit for the roads under its authority before seasonal weight restriction are effective. The Delta County Road Commission shall issue a seasonal truck permit for **each vehicle or vehicle configuration** the utility company anticipates will be used for non-emergency utility work. The Seasonal Truck permit shall contain:
 - The seasonal period during which the permit is valid
 - A unique identification number for the vehicle or vehicle configuration.
 - Requires that travel on restricted roads be minimized and only utilized when necessary, and that non-restricted roads shall be used when available and for routine travel.
- (ii) The Delta County Road Commission shall provide a notification application for the public utility to use when requesting access to operate on restricted roads and the public utility shall provide notification to the Delta County Road Commission via facsimile or electronically not later than **24 hours** prior to the time of the intended work. For requested access on a Monday, the request must be received prior to **12:00 noon** on the preceding Friday.

Non-emergency utility work on restricted roads Continued:

(iii) If the Delta County Road Commission determines that the condition of a particular road is unusable, the Delta County Road Commission may deny access to all or any part of that road. The denial shall be made and communicated via facsimile or electronically to the public utility within **24 hours** after receiving notification that the utility intends to perform non-emergency work that requires use of that road. Notification for refusal will be no later than **12:00 noon** on Monday for requests received on the previous Friday. Any notification that is not disapproved within the limits stated above will be considered approved. The notification application shall include the following information:

- The address and/or location of the non-emergency work.
- The date or dates of the non-emergency work.
- The route to be taken to the non-emergency work site.
- The restricted road or roads intended to be traveled for the non-emergency work.

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