



Oversize / Overweight Permit Application

The City of Sioux City Engineering Division requires that any motorized vehicle that exceeds the maximum legal dimensions/weight allowed on Iowa roadways obtain an oversize / overweight permit to operate on streets within city limits.

Legal Dimensions

A permit is typically required if vehicle dimensions exceed:

Length 41 ft. - single vehicle
 53 ft. - semitrailer, loaded or empty
 57 ft. - lowboy trailers used exclusively for transportation of construction equipment

Width 8 ft. 6 in.

Height 13 ft. 6 in.

Weight 80,000 pounds - gross weight

Exceptions More information & exceptions to the dimensions listed above can be found in following sections of the Iowa Code:

- [321.453 - Exceptions](#)
- [321.454 - Width of Vehicles](#)
- [321.456 - Height of Vehicles](#)
- [321.457 - Maximum Length](#)
- [321.463 - Maximum Gross Weight](#)

Types of Oversize / Overweight Permits Available

Permit Type	Single Trip	Annual Oversize	Annual Oversize & Overweight
Length	No Limit	120 ft.	120 ft.
Width	No Limit	16 ft.	13 ft. 5 in.
Height	No Limit	15 ft. 5 in.	15 ft. 5 in.
Gross Weight	No Limit	80,000 pounds	156,000 pounds
Valid	One trip in five days	12 months from issuance	12 months from issuance
Cost	\$35	\$50	\$400

Escort Requirements

A rear escort is required when:

- Vehicle length exceeds 120 feet
- Width of the vehicle & load is over 16 feet 6 inches & travel is on 4 lane roadway
- Width exceeds one-half the roadway up to & including 16 feet 6 inches & travel is on 4 lane roadway (an amber light or strobe light on the power unit & on the rear extremity of the vehicle or load allowed in place of escort)

A front escort is required when:

- Width is up to & including 14 feet 6 inches & exceeds one-half the roadway & travel is on 2 lane roadways with lane width less than 12 feet or Width is up to & including 14 feet 6 inches & exceeds one-half the roadway & travel is on 2 lane roadway with lane width 12 feet or more without sufficient shoulders or Width is over 14 feet 6 inches & travel is on 2 lane roadways.
- Width is up to & including 14 feet 6 inches & exceeds one-half the roadway & travel is on 2 lane roadways with lane width 12 feet or more with sufficient shoulders (amber light or strobe light on the power unit & on the rear extremity of the vehicle or load allowed in place of escort)
- When height exceeds 14 feet 6 inches up to & including 20 feet the front escort must have mounted height pole. An escort but no height pole is required after 20 feet.

Permit Application Process

Completed permit applications should be emailed to engineeringdivision@sioux-city.org associated application fee can be paid via credit card by calling 712.279.6132 or via check payable to "City of Sioux City" sent to City of Sioux City Engineering Division, 405 6th Street, P.O. Box 447, Sioux City, IA 51102. After the City Engineer reviews & approves the permit a copy will be emailed to the address listed on the application. Please allow a minimum of 2 business days for review & approval.

