



# 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
<b>Length</b>	No Limit	120 ft.	120 ft.
<b>Width</b>	No Limit	16 ft.	13 ft. 5 in.
<b>Height</b>	No Limit	15 ft. 5 in.	15 ft. 5 in.
<b>Gross Weight</b>	No Limit	80,000 pounds	156,000 pounds
<b>Valid</b>	One trip in five days	12 months from issuance	12 months from issuance
<b>Cost</b>	\$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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Single Trip & Round Trip Oversize / Overweight Permit Application

Permit Number 2026- \_\_\_\_\_

### Section A - Applicant Information

Permit Fee: Single \$35 / Round-trip \$70 <input type="checkbox"/> Check/Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card			Requested Start Date	Expiration Date (Permit good for 5 days)	
Legal Name - Vehicle Owner or Lessee			Company Name	Phone Number	
Address			Apt. / Suite	Fax Number	
City	State	Zip Code	Email Address		

### Section B - Power Unit & Trailer Information

Power Unit					
Plate	State	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Registered Weight	Year	Make

Trailer			
Plate	State	Make	Other (provide details)

Load - Describe Article(s) Transported

### Section C - Dimensions / Weight

Length	Width	Height	Total Weight	Front Projection	Rear Projection
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### Section D - Detailed Route Description

Origin (list address if originating in Sioux City)	Destination (list address if originating in Sioux City)
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Route

Number of Escort Vehicles to be Used	Escort Vehicle Company Name
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### Section E - Iowa Department of Transportation Permit (Information Only)

IDOT Permit No.	Date Issued
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City Code 10.30.330 requires that the Woodbury County Information and Communications Center (712.279.6960) be contacted two hours prior to actual travel on any street or highway within the City Limits. Failure to contact the Woodbury County Information and Communications Center will invalidate this permit and result in possible revocation of this permit. (This authorization is valid providing State laws and provisions governing the movement of overweight/over length equipment is observed and complied with.)

The applicant is reminded that an Iowa Department of Transportation permit may be required if traveling on highways under Iowa Department of Transportation Jurisdiction, or bearing State/US Highway designations.

It is the responsibility of the OPERATOR to verify that the route is free of restrictions. The route shall be free of any streets which have structures with reduced weight restrictions. This permit is for the hauling of a single overweight / over length piece of equipment, and shall not be used for the transportation of materials to and from a construction site.

**Acceptance of Conditions:** I certify that the statements contained in the application are true and correct and I will comply with all rules, regulations, and City and State Code.

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(Customer or Authorized Agent)

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Date

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Gordon Phair, City Engineer

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Date