

**RULES FOR MOVEMENT OF OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES
ON THE COUNTY ROADS OF _____ COUNTY**

1. Any movement of equipment and/or commodities which exceeds the gross weight limit as posted on all county roads may not be moved over the local county and rural roads of this county without first applying for and obtaining a permit for such movement from the chief administrative officer of the county highway department.
2. Permits will not be issued for the movement of any piece of equipment and/or commodity which, in the opinion of the chief administrative officer, can reasonably be reduced and/or dismantled in weight to come within the legal limits as hereinbefore set out.
3. Permits will not be issued when, in the opinion of the chief administrative officer, the roadway surfaces or bridges are affected by conditions which would make the movement unsafe.
4. Any person, firm, company or corporation that undertakes the movement of any overweight piece(s) of equipment and/or commodity which is contrary to the provision of **Section 55-7-205(f)** shall, in the discretion of the chief administrative officer, be denied any further permit(s) for such overweight movement for such a period of time, not to exceed one year, as the chief administrative officer shall deem appropriate.
5. At the direction of the commissioner of the state department of transportation, certain exceptions to these rules and regulations may be made to the Military Departments of the State of Tennessee and the United States government upon certification by a responsible officer thereof, that such movements are necessary to the national defense.
6. Special permits for the movement of overweight loads may be granted for periods of time up to but not exceeding one year, in the discretion of the chief administrative officer. Permit applications should specify what period of time is requested.

7. Any person, firm, company or corporation that undertakes the movement of any overweight piece(s) of equipment and/or commodity on the local county roads or roads on the state rural road system, shall hold the counties harmless from any claims for damages resulting from the exercise of any of the privileges granted under the special permit so issued for such overweight movement. To this end, said person, firm, company or corporation shall carry liability insurance with an insurer, acceptable to the chief administrative officer and furnish a certificate of said insurance to the chief administrative officer. The certificate of insurance shall provide that the insurer shall give to the chief administrative officer written notice of intention to terminate said required insurance by certified mail. Termination shall become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice from the insurer by the county highway department.
8. Application for special permit must be made on the official application forms of the county highway department. These forms may be obtained in the office of the county highway department or by letter request or telegram to the chief administrative officer of the county highway department. The party requesting a special permit must advise the county highway department of the following via the permit application:
 - a. Description of equipment and/or commodity to be moved.
 - b. Method of moving.
 - c. Gross weight of load.
 - d. Origin and destination of movement (within the county).
 - e. Proposed routes over which movement will be made.
 - f. Proposed dates of movement (within the county).
 - g. Accept financial responsibility for any damage caused county roads due to the movement of the overweight load.