



ORDINANCE 2023-10

ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR OVERWEIGHT AND OVERSIZE VEHICLES

JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS the State of Indiana, by its General Assembly, has enacted “The Indiana Motor Vehicle Code” (“Code”), with amendments thereto which act is now in full force and effect, and

WHEREAS Indiana Code, Title 9, Article 20, Chapter 6 authorizes local government, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction and in their discretion, and upon application and good cause being shown therefor, to issue a special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in the Code or otherwise not in conformity with the Code upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and for the maintenance of which the party is responsible, and

WHEREAS certain highways under the jurisdiction of the Highway Superintendent of Jefferson County, have been damaged by the operation of certain vehicles exceeding legal weights without the oversight of appropriate permits; and

WHEREAS the continued operation of vehicles exceeding legal weights and dimensions without the oversight of appropriate permits on said highways will create hazards for the motoring public; and

WHEREAS Indiana Code, 9-20-6-3(c) authorizes the local authorities to prohibit trucks or other commercial vehicles and place signs on the highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the act hereinabove referred to, that vehicles operated upon the highways under the jurisdiction of Jefferson County, when exceeding legal weights and dimensions, hereinafter set forth shall be permitted as follows:

- a) When a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a weight (including any overdimension) in excess of the maximums specified in said Indiana Motor Vehicle Code, the vehicle owner or lessee shall submit an application to move such vehicle(s) on a form and in such a manner as prescribed by the Highway Superintendent. Upon approval of the permit application, the applicant shall pay a fee for the permit according to the following schedule:

Single Trip - \$50.00  
Round Trip - \$80.00

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b) When a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a dimension more than the maximums specified in said Indiana Motor Vehicle Code, but within legal weights, the vehicle owner or lessee shall submit an application to move such vehicle(s) on a form and in such a manner as prescribed by the Highway Superintendent. Upon approval of the permit application, the applicant shall pay a fee for the permit according to the following schedule:

Single Trip - \$25.00  
Round Trip - \$40.00

- c) A single trip permit is valid for five (5) days and authorizes one movement over a prescribed route. A round trip permit is valid for ten (10) days and authorizes one movement and return movement over the same prescribed route.
- d) Permits are to be issued for good cause to ensure any movement will not unduly damage the County highway system or threaten public safety. By submitting an application, the applicant verifies the vehicle(s) and/or load are non-divisible pursuant to the Indiana Motor Vehicle Code. Permits are only valid on dates authorized by the Indiana Department of Transportation, from thirty (30) minutes before sunrise to thirty (30) minutes after sunset local time, unless special permissions are granted by the Highway Superintendent.
- e) The Highway Superintendent is authorized to issue reasonable rules, regulations, and provisions on a document to accompany each permit. This document may be amended from time to time as necessary. The Highway Superintendent utilize an internet-based software provider to manage the permitting process including application, payment, permit review and issuance.
- f) Oversize and/or overweight implements of agriculture shall not be required to obtain a permit.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the highways upon which the permitted operation of said vehicles of the weights and dimensions, hereinabove set forth, may operate upon the roads in Jefferson County under the jurisdiction of the Highway Superintendent, commonly referred to as "County highways".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to operate any vehicle upon the County highways without a permit, when the vehicle exceeds the weights and dimensions hereinabove set forth, in violation of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Highway Superintendent of Jefferson County shall administer, and issue permits for overweight and overdimension vehicles in his discretion.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles, and the County shall not require a permit for implements of agriculture.

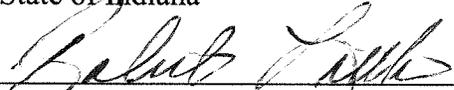
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Highway Superintendent of Jefferson County, may, with good cause, place signs on designated highways limiting the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles to 5 tons (10,000 pounds).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that whoever violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offense and punishable as provided by the Indiana Motor Vehicle Code.

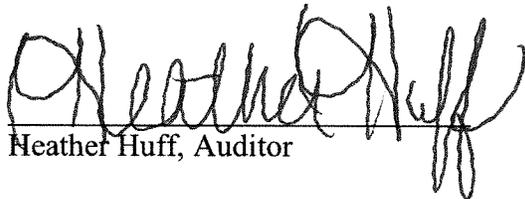
This Ordinance shall supersede all former Ordinances heretofore enacted authorizing permits for vehicles exceeding legal weights and dimensions on County highways and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, as provided by law.

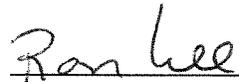
The foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana this 21 day of Dec, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners  
Of the County of Jefferson,  
State of Indiana

  
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