

Single Trip Permit Policy

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines when permits will be issued for legal size divisible load vehicles exceeding the County gross vehicle weight cap of 80,000 pounds for movement on the County highway system.

POLICY STATEMENT:

As authorized by Section 2 of the Richland County ordinance to classify highways as to weight and load capacities, all permits for the movement of excessive size and weight on county highways must be single trip unless authorized by the Richland County Commission. The County Highway Department has the authority to issue single trip permits for the movement of divisible load vehicles on the County highway system. The permits will contain restrictions as deemed necessary by the County Sheriff Department or the County Highway Department. Permits may be revoked by the County Engineer based on road conditions or by the County Sheriff when the holder violates or abuses any privilege or conditions of a permit.

The following procedures outline the requirements and methods for issuing single trip permits.

PROCEDURE:

A. Permit Requirements

- a. Permits must be in possession prior to starting any movement. They shall designate the route traveled and may contain such other restrictions as deemed necessary by the County Sheriff or County Engineer. The County has the authority to revoke permits when the holder violates or abuses the privilege or conditions of the permits.
- b. Vehicles must have sufficient number of axles and bridge lengths for gross weights desired as shown on the Richland County Weight Limitations Chart.
- c. Tire and axle weights must be legal.
- d. Gross vehicle weight **may not exceed 105,500 pounds gross vehicle weight.**
- e. Vehicles must be legally registered for the gross weight of the vehicle and load.

B. Application Procedure

- a. A **\$5** permit fee will be charged for each Single Trip Permit issued on the self-issuing form. If a permit is issued by the County Highway Department Office or by the County Sherriff's Department on the standard permit form, the fee will be **\$10**.
- b. Self-issuing Single Trip Permits may be purchased from the County Highway Department. Self-issuing Single Trip Permits shall be sold in books of 20 at a cost of **\$100** per book.
- c. Single Trip Permits shall be valid for multiple movements in one 24-hour period or a one-way trip not to exceed 72 hours.