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NEW ORDINANCE NOTIFICATION

October 24, 2005

ATTENTION: ALL OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE HAULERS

RE: NEW ORDINANCE FOR CITY OF YORK, PA – OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2005

Enclosed please find the new ordinance for oversize/overweight vehicles. The effective date for the new ordinance will be **NOVEMBER 1, 2005**.

Please note that the "strikethrough" text (i.e. ~~sample~~) is the language that has been deleted from the ordinance and the "underlined" text (i.e. sample) is the new language that has been added to the ordinance.

Please review the ordinance very carefully. The fee calculation has now changed; see section "c" for details. Also, notification to the City of York is now twenty-four **(24) hours in advance** of intended hauling time (see section "a").

Also, section (f) Definition of Escort Vehicles, item no. six (6) indicates a reference to section "d (2)." This reference is not correct, please refer to section "e (2)."

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 717-849-2245.

Thank you.

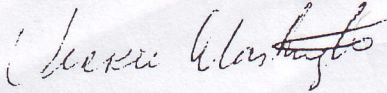
James E. Gross, Director
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Council of the City of York, PA
Session 2005
Bill No. 39
Ordinance No. 36

INTRODUCED BY: Vickie Washington

DATE: September 6, 2005



AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 513.08 "Oversize or Overweight Vehicles" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of York, Pennsylvania, to update language to make it consistent with current laws and regulations.

WHEREAS, Article 513.08 "Oversize or Overweight Vehicles" of the York City Codified Ordinances was established for the purpose of regulating travel of oversize vehicles within the City of York, and to provide for penalties for violations thereto; and

WHEREAS, after review of the ordinance by city staff, recommendations were made to update language to make it consistent with current laws and regulations;

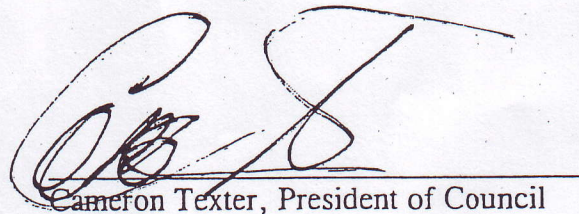
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania, that Article 513.08 "Oversize or Overweight Vehicles" is hereby amended as set forth per the attached, which is herein incorporated by reference.

PASSED FINALLY: September 20, 2005

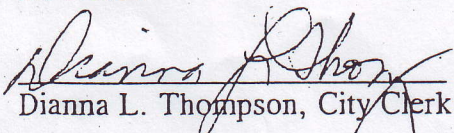
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: Washington, Musso, Smith, Smallwood, Texter - 5

NAYS: None

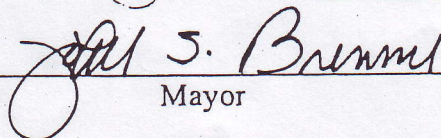

Cameron Texter, President of Council

ATTEST:


Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk

Presented to the Mayor for approval this 21st day of September 2005

Approved:


Mayor

9-22-05
Date

Vetoed:

Mayor

Date

- (a) On or after June 1, 1981, any person desiring to operate a vehicle which is oversized or overweight, as defined by regulation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and in section (b) of this ordinance, on the streets and highways within the City, shall file with the Department of Public Works an application for a hauling permit and shall pay the fee for such permit as required by this section, at least ~~forty-eight~~ twenty-four hours in advance of such intended hauling. This ordinance does not apply to state-designated routes that lie within the City of York. Movement of oversized or overweight vehicles on state routes within the City of York shall be regulated by a permit issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- ~~(b) The permit fee for such oversized or overweight vehicle hauling permit shall be as follows:~~
- ~~(1) Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) general issuance fee, plus ten cents (\$0.10) per ton per mile.~~
 - ~~(2) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) special escort fee, when the City determines that a special escort is necessary to protect the safety of highway users, to promote the efficient movement of traffic, or to protect the highways.~~
 - ~~(3) Electrical Bureau service fee for labor, equipment and material as may be required for removal or adjustment of overhead traffic signals, fire alarm and / or other electrical facilities.~~
- (b) The definition of "oversized vehicle" for the purposes of this ordinance is as follows:
1. Any vehicle in excess of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds gross weight
 2. Any vehicle in excess of thirteen feet six inches (13' 6") in height
 3. Any vehicle in excess of eight feet six inches (8' 6") in width
 4. Any vehicle in excess of seventy five feet (75') in length
 5. Any vehicle whose dimensions include a combination of subsections b1, 2,3, or 4.
- ~~(c) Except as hereafter provided, each oversized or overweight vehicle to be operated shall require a permit for each twenty-four hour period.~~
- ~~(1) Any facility located within the City from which such overweight or oversized vehicles originate may obtain a yearly permit for a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).~~
 - ~~(2) In the event an annual permit is obtained, the permittee is nevertheless~~

~~— required to notify the Department of Public Works of any intended~~
~~— movement of such overweight or oversized vehicles at least forty-eight~~
~~— hours in advance, so that escort service or Electrical Bureau service may be~~
~~— obtained if required.~~

(c) Permit required for movement in the City of York.

1. To move a vehicle whose dimensions exceed the limitations set in section b, application must be made to the City of York for an Oversize Vehicle Permit.
2. Applicant shall provide to the City of York proof of liability insurance with a coverage limitation of not less than one million dollars.
3. Applicant shall pay to the City of York a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) permit fee, plus fifty cents (\$0.50) for each one thousand pounds (or fraction thereof) over and above 80,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
4. Upon receipt of permit fee and proof of insurance, the City of York will provide applicant with an Oversize Vehicle Permit to operate upon the streets of the City of York. The Oversize Vehicle Permit will list the name of the applicant, identify the truck and / or trailer by registration plate number, and list the overall dimensions and weight of the vehicle. The permit will also list the route, including origin and destination, through the City of York. The permit will also list any special provisions regarding hours of operation or required escorts. The permit will be valid for five calendar days after date of issuance.
5. Blanket permits may be issued to an applicant regardless of domicile. Blanket permits are not valid for any oversized movement in excess of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds gross vehicle weight. The holder of a blanket permit shall not, however, be required to pay the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee for an Oversize Vehicle Permit, but only the fifty cents (\$0.50) per thousand pound fee for weight in excess of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. Blanket permits shall be issued for each power unit (truck or tractor). Each power unit requires a separate blanket permit. The fee for an annual blanket Oversize Vehicle Permit shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Blanket permits shall be good for the calendar year in which issued and will expire on December 31 of said year.
6. The permittee is responsible for notifying the utility companies, the City of York Bureau of Electrical Maintenance, and the City of York Police Department, Traffic Sergeant, at least 24 hours in advance of any vehicle movement. Permittee is responsible for any fees for services from the Bureau of Electrical Maintenance as a result of moving or raising traffic signals or signs. Permittee is responsible for any York City Police services

required as a result of the movement. Permittee is also responsible for any fees from utility companies for raising wires that are higher than the statutory mandated height above the roadway of eighteen (18) feet

7. The Department of Public Works may require, at its discretion, that a physical route survey be performed prior to the issuance of a permit to ensure that a proposed routing can be negotiated safely.

(d) Damage to Highway

1. The permittee shall repair at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the City any damage to highways or structures which occurs in connection with operations under the permit.

(e) Hours of Operation.

1. Oversized vehicle movements may be conducted within the City of York between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and noon on Saturday, with the following exceptions:
 - a. No movement on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
2. Pursuant to Section 179.10, paragraph 7(iii) of Title 67, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, oversized movements will be allowed within the City of York between the hours of 3:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M., provided that the movement is accompanied by front and rear escort vehicles, and that additional lighting be in place on all sides and visible from a distance of one thousand (1000) feet.

(f) Definition of Escort Vehicles

1. An escort vehicle shall be a car or light truck, not exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight.
2. An escort vehicle shall be equipped with a minimum of two flashing or revolving amber lights on the roof, and will bear signs stating "OVERSIZE LOAD" visible from the front and rear. Signs shall be five feet wide and one foot high, with black letters on a yellow background.
3. An escort vehicle shall have two-way radio communication with the oversized vehicle.

4. Escort vehicles and personnel shall have authority to direct traffic and be responsible to ensure that traffic disruption is minimal. Escort personnel shall wear an orange reflective vest and hardhat when engaged in directing traffic.
5. Escort vehicles are required to carry proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage limit of one million dollars, naming the City of York as an additional insured, said proof of insurance to be kept on file with the City of York.
6. Escort vehicles shall be required in addition to section e, (2) as follows:

One escort vehicle:

For an oversize vehicle over eleven feet (11') in total width.

For an oversize vehicle in excess of seventy five feet (75') in length.

Two escort vehicles:

For an oversize vehicle that is over eleven feet (11') in total width and in excess of seventy five feet (75') in length.

An escort vehicle with a height pole:

For an oversize vehicle in excess of fourteen feet (14') in total height.

A pole car can function as the front car in the event two escort vehicles are required.

7. When one escort vehicle is required it shall precede the oversize vehicle on all roadways with one lane of traffic in each direction, and follow the oversize vehicle on all roadways with more than one lane of traffic in each direction.
8. When two escort vehicles are required, one escort vehicle shall precede the oversized vehicle and one escort vehicle shall follow the oversized vehicle.
9. When an escort vehicle with a height pole is required, it will precede the oversize vehicle at all times.
10. An escort vehicle may be required for any restricted bridge crossing within the City of York.

(g) Penalties for Violation

1. Any oversized vehicle found to be operating within the City of York without an Oversize Vehicle Permit from the City of York shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) for violation of this ordinance, and additionally shall be held subject to the regulations and penalties set forth in Chapter 49 of Title 75, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.
2. Any oversized vehicle in possession of an Oversized Vehicle Permit and found to be operating in violation of this ordinance or the provisions of the Oversize Vehicle Permit shall have said permit confiscated by any duly-authorized law enforcement officer, and shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) for violation of this ordinance, and additionally shall be held subject to the regulations and penalties set forth in Chapter 49 of Title 75, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

(h) Severability

1. If any section or subsection of this ordinance is found to be unenforceable or defective, or found to be unlawful, all other sections or subsections shall remain in effect and will be enforced.