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**Local Requirements on
Oversized Vehicle Permits**

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Legal Vehicle Size and Weights

- State and local governments provide and maintain a safe, efficient and adequate infrastructure which:
 - Promotes industry
 - Advances commerce,
 - Expedites emergency response
 - Enhances the quality of life for the citizenry.



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Legal Vehicle Size and Weights

- Laws limiting the size and weight of vehicles have been enacted to regulate traveling on the roadways.
 - 23 USC Code 127
 - 23 CFR 658
 - Ohio Revised Code
 - 5577.04
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 - Corresponding local ordinances



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Weight

- Axle & Axle Groups
- Gross Vehicle



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Dimensions

- Height
- Width
- Length



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Exemptions

- For dimension only
 - Vehicles and trailers used in the transportation of wooden and metal poles,
 - The transportation of pipes or well-drilling equipment
 - Farm machinery and farm equipment.



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Exemptions

- ☉ For dimension and weight
 - ☉ Highway maintenance vehicles owned by this state or any political subdivision of this state
 - ☉ Tow trucks when removing a wrecked or disabled motor vehicle from the site of an emergency on a public highway.
- ☉ Fire Equipment






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Special Hauling Permits

- ☉ Are instruments issued by a government entity allowing an otherwise nonconforming vehicle to travel on their roadways.
- ☉ The director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and local political authority can issue a permit (ORC 4513.34).
- ☉ ODOT is authorized to issue permits for travel on any Interstate Route, US Route or State Route.


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Special Hauling Permits

- ☉ A local political authority can issue permits for any public roadway within their corporate limits including Interstate Routes, US Routes and State Routes (ORC 4513.34).
- ☉ Should a local political authority choose not to issue permits, the default position is that they do not to allow exceptional vehicles to travel on the roadways under their jurisdiction (ORC 4513.34)


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Special Hauling Permits

- When a permit is required
- Special Hauling Permits
 - State
 - Local



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Special Hauling Permits

- Benefits of permits include:
 - The identification a rational route for the operator of an exceptional vehicle to follow.
 - A route which minimizes the detrimental effects the OS/OW vehicle may cause.
 - Can be a funding source used to offset the cost



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Regional Heavy Haul Permits

- Effective 7-1-2013
- ORC 4513.34 (A)
 - Any load
 - Weight
 - Dimension
 - Up to 150 Miles
 - Permit shall be issued (unless it fails analysis)



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Compliance & Enforcement

- A contributing cause for the frequent deterioration and need to rehabilitate the major roadways is truck traffic.
- Oversize and overweight (OS/OW) vehicles intensify this deterioration.
- OS/OW Permits recover some of the costs associated with these exceptional vehicles.



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Compliance & Enforcement

- The application should be:
 - Straightforward,
 - Provide sufficient description of the vehicle.
- The permit approval process needs to be:
 - Timely,
 - The delivery of the permit effortlessly.



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Compliance & Enforcement

- The permit document must be easily understood, clearly depicting the approved routes, any cautionary instructions and providing concise expectations for compliance.



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Compliance & Enforcement

- Enforcement
 - Necessary to assure compliance with TS&W laws in general
 - Essential in the permit process because:
 - It is encouragement to apply and obtain a permit,
 - The means to verify compliance with a permit



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Compliance & Enforcement

- Failure to abide by the conditions of a permit a serious violation occurs through identifying and taking enforcement action on unpermitted movements:
 - Permit compliance is ensured,
 - Uniformity,
 - Safeguards the public interests.



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Resources

- ODOT
 - Website: www.dot.state.oh.us/permits/
 - Assistance can be provided.



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- Questions?
- Comments?



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