

GENERAL CONDITIONS

For issuance of Special Hauling Permits in Richland County, Ohio

1. The issuance of this Special Hauling Permit shall apply only to County highways and Township highways, where authorized by the respective Township Trustees.
2. The Ohio Department of Transportation, cities, villages and non-participating townships may issue their own Special Hauling Permit. The Applicants must contact these governmental authorities independently.
3. All Ohio Department of Transportation Permit Requirements (Ohio Special Hauling Permits, Regulations and Policies) and sections of the Ohio Revised Code applicable to state highways and bridges pertain to this permit except where these regulations or sections of law are clearly not applicable to county or township use.
4. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 5577, the Board of County Commissioners may reduce the maximum weights and speeds permitted on certain county or township highways because certain road bases supporting county bridges are inferior to the road bases and structure on state highways. The Special Hauling Permit will specify a further reduction below the statutory load limit of 40 tons if the county or township highway or bridge is found to be inferior in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners' designee.
5. An application for a SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT form is available at the office of the Richland County Engineer, 77 North Mulberry Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902.
6. Completed applications containing all required information as outlined on the application form shall be returned to the Richland County Engineer's Office for processing.
7. All applications must show the exact axle spacing and weights. The form must be complete.
8. Applications shall bear the signature and the title of the person (or his/her authorized representative) assuming full responsibility for the proposed move.
9. After receiving the application, the County Engineer's Office will review the form for completeness. The County Engineer or his designee may inspect the proposed route, examining roadway and structure conditions.
10. Review time will be governed by the amount of weight and size of the vehicles or loads to be moved together with the length of the proposed route and the impact the move will have on the highway. Generally, seven (7) working days should be allowed for processing any application.
11. If, after reviewing the application and inspection the proposed route, the County Engineer's Office determines that the proposed move would materially affect the appearance, operation or maintenance of the highway, a conference will be scheduled to discuss possible revisions to the proposed route and/or reductions in size and weight of the load. At that time the Engineer may require the applicant to have a professional engineer, licensed in Ohio, to perform a structural analysis of any structures to be traversed by the load to be permitted.
12. Prior to insurance of a Special Hauling Permit, the applicant shall furnish the following:
 - a. Liability Insurance
 1. Vehicle Liability Insurance providing coverage for property damage in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000.
 2. Vehicle Liability Insurance providing coverage for wrongful death or bodily injury in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per person or \$2,000,000 per incident.
 - b. Surety Bond

A Surety Bond or a Letter of Credit in an amount determined by the County Engineer is required to pay all damages that may occur to all County or Township maintained highways, bridges or culverts. The Surety Bond shall be written by a firm authorized to do business in the State of Ohio, as listed on the Ohio Department of Transportation website. The Richland County Commissioners shall be named in the Surety Bond.
13. After all necessary insurances, bonds, or letter of credit accounts have been posted and after both the applicant and the County Engineer have agreed on the time of the move and the route, the County Engineer, acting as the representative of the Richland County Commissioners, will issue the permit.
14. The Richland County Engineer, acting under the authority of the County Commissioners, may issue a permit, reject the application or request a revised application be submitted.

15. Issued permits will be on the form approved by the Richland County Commissioners and signed by the Richland County Engineer or his designee.
16. A written request for renewal of a SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT will be processed upon receipt of the permit fee.
17. A SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT will not be renewed if inspection of the proposed route would now indicate movement cannot be made without causing damage to highways, bridges or culverts or without causing unnecessary inconvenience to the traveling public.
18. The applicant is responsible for following all safety requirements listed under the Ohio laws such as signs, flaggers, escorts, axle weights, etc. The applicant is also responsible for any additional safety requirements listed by the Richland County Engineer's Office to insure a safe move.
19. The applicant is responsible for the safety and accessibility of the destination. The roadway and site must be kept clear of all materials and obstacles to the traveling public during the entering of any site. Access to the site should be easily accessible and inspected prior to the movement of the vehicle and load.
20. A fee payable to the Richland County Engineer will be charged to cover the cost of issuing a permit and inspecting the roadway and structures before, during and after the permitted movement.
21. An application for a SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT must be accompanied by the permit fee.
22. The amount of the fee is stated in the SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE.
23. Permits pulled for violation by any law enforcement officer will require the applicant to re-apply and submit an additional permit fee for any SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT. Repeated violations, misrepresentations of the facts, or omissions of facts may result in the refusal of further permits being issued to the applicant.