



Tuscola County Road Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Tuscola County Road Commission (TCRC) has instituted a new policy regarding Seasonal Milk Hauler and Agricultural Transportation Permits. This policy is intended to provide greater flexibility for operators who utilize brokers and require multiple trucks to travel the same route.

TCRC will continue to utilize Oxcart Permits in situations where a specific truck is being permitted for a single move. However, for applicants who wish to permit a route and utilize multiple trucks—particularly when detailed vehicle information required for an Oxcart permit may not be available—TCRC will now offer a Class B Haul Agreement.

Class B Haul Agreements require the interested party to submit a written request identifying the specific roadway(s) and the location or address from which the hauling activity will originate. A fee of \$150.00, plus a \$40.00 video inspection fee, will be required. Upon receipt of payment, TCRC will prepare a hauling agreement for the applicant's signature.

A video inspection of roadway conditions will be conducted before and after Seasonal Weight Restrictions, at the applicant's expense. The Weighmaster and TCRC management staff will review the video documentation to verify that no damage has occurred. If damage is identified, the haul agreement holder will be notified in writing of the required repairs, and a cost estimate will be provided.

All hauling operations must comply with legal weight limits in accordance with Michigan State Law 257.722(5) or 257.725. Class B Haul Agreements are required to be renewed annually.

Enclosed are the following documents for your reference:

- Transportation Fee Schedule & General Conditions
- Insurance Requirements
- Hauling Agreement Policy

We recognize that the transition to a new system may present challenges. Should you have any questions or experience any issues, this matter will be discussed at the Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners' regularly scheduled Board Meeting on January 29th, at 8:00 a.m. You may also contact William Green, Operations Engineer, using the information provided below:

 wgreen@tuscolaroad.org
 **Office:** (989) 673-2128 ext. 30109
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 www.tuscolaroad.org | www.oxcartpermits.com

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a smooth transition.

Sincerely,



Brent Dankert
Highway Engineer
Tuscola County Road Commission



William Green
Operations Engineer
Tuscola County Road Commission



11. HAULING AGREEMENTS

PURPOSE

The Tuscola County Road Commission is authorized by Michigan statute (MCL 257.726, MSA 9.2426) to designate routes for the operation of a vehicle of a weight exceeding the maximum specified for said roads. A designated haul route is defined as a road or series of roads where normal load and dimension limits may be exceeded up to the designated load and dimension maximums.

POLICY

CLASS A HAUL AGREEMENT:

A Haul Agreement will be established when the need for such routes is expected to exceed two years. These may include routes serving extraction operations, landfill sites, agricultural commodities, and hauling raw materials to and finished products from manufacturing and warehousing installations. In many cases, the roadway will have to be upgraded at the applicant's expense prior to the haul agreements issuance.

CLASS B HAUL AGREEMENT:

A Haul Agreement will be established when the need for such routes is expected during spring weight restrictions. This agreement is intended to serve the agricultural and silvicultural industries that require multiple trucks to utilize the route.

PROCEDURE

CLASS A HAUL AGREEMENT:

- Request from interested party to the Road Commission:
 - 1733 S. Mertz Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
Attn: County Highway Engineer
 - Specify roadway and location or address the hauling agreement will start from.
- Engineering Study Completed.
 - History of the road is reviewed for existing material applied to the roadway. If there isn't sufficient history available, core samples can be taken at random locations along the roadway to determine existing roadway thickness. These core samples are paid for by the interested party.
- The interested party will be notified by the Highway Engineer of any deficiencies in the roadway and what options can be used, if needed, to construct the road. The Township is copied on correspondence for all local roads.

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- Paved Road
 - Paved roads shall meet the All-Season standards as established by the Road Commission. The cost of construction is the responsibility of the interested party.
- Gravel or Limestone Roads
 - Gravel or Limestone Roads may need material applied or routine grading completed to keep the roadway in good condition or dust control applied, as required by the Road Commission. The work deemed necessary by the Road Commission is the responsibility of the interested party to have completed.

➤ The roadway shall be built to All Season standards prior to the hauling agreement being issued. Supporting documentation will need to be supplied to the Highway Engineer for verification of any work completed to the roadway.

➤ A two-year hauling agreement will be drafted by the Road Commission for the interested party's signature. The hauling agreement shall be returned to the Road Commission for Board signature denoting Road Commission Approval.

➤ The hauling agreement can be renewed every two years.

CLASS B HAUL AGREEMENT:

- Request from interested party to the Road Commission:
 - 1733 S. Mertz Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
Attn: County Highway Engineer
 - Specify roadway and location or address the hauling agreement will start from.
- Fee for Haul Agreement is \$150.00 + \$40.00 Video Inspection Fee
 - Upon payment a hauling agreement will be drafted by the Road Commission for the interested party's signature. The hauling agreement shall be returned to the Road Commission for Board signature denoting Road Commission Approval.
- Video Inspection will be taken before and after Seasonal Weight Restrictions of road conditions at the applicant's expense.
 - The Weighmaster and TCRC Management staff will review the video and verify there is indeed no damage.
 - If there is damage- The haul agreement holder will be notified in writing of needed repairs and an estimate will be determined.
- Weights must STILL be legal subject to State Law 257.722(5) or 257.725
- The hauling agreement is required to be renewed every year.



9.6. TRANSPORTATION PERMITS

Oversize/Overweight Permits

Pursuant to Act 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, the Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC) authorizes the Tuscola County Road Commission to issue special transportation permits for the movement over county roads of vehicles and/or loads, which exceed the size or weight limitations specified by law. It is the objective of the Road Commission to permit the movement of necessary overweight and oversize vehicles or loads consistent with the following obligations: Protection of motoring public from potential traffic hazards and protection of road surfaces, structures, and private property.

Seasonal Weight Restrictions

Under MCL 257.722, seasonal weight restrictions are legal limits placed on the loads that trucks may carry. Roads thaw out from the top down each spring, trapping moisture near the surface. During the thawing period, the melting ice leaves voids underneath the pavement. Heavy loads then compress the gravel and bituminous surfaces, causing them to deteriorate. Therefore, when seasonal weight restrictions are in effect during spring thaw, the maximum allowable axle load and speed is reduced to prevent weather-related deterioration of roads.

APPLICATION

Tuscola County Road Commission's Transportation Permits are processed using a web-based permitting system called Oxcart Permits (<http://www.oxcartpermits.com>).

<u>ALL OVERSIZE AND/OR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES</u>	<u>PERMIT FEE</u>
Extended/Annual Permit	\$100.00 *
Extended/Annual Permit Mobile Home Permit	\$110.00
Single Move Permit	\$50.00 (round trip- up to 3 days) *
Single Move Permit	\$50.00 (multiple trips- up to 3 days) *
Single Move Mobile Home Permit	\$50.00 (up to 3 days)
Super Move Permit	\$100.00 Per Move (Per Location/Project) *
Refuse Hauler Permit	\$100.00
<u>SPECIALTY TRANSPORT PERMITS</u>	<u>PERMIT FEE</u>
Seasonal Milk Haulers	No Charge
Seasonal Public Utilities – Non-Emergency	No Charge
Seasonal Agricultural Permit	\$50.00 + \$40 Video Inspection Fee

**Asterisk denotes that this fee is set by law.*

Permit Fee Schedule is for TCRC Charges, there will be additional service charges from Oxcart.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- A. The maximum allowable axle weight under the Annual Permit is 125% of the legal axle weights. If the applicant requests a permit over 125% of the legal limit and up to 140% limit, the issuing county may authorize this privilege. If the 25% limit is authorized the permit holder must provide the issuing Road Commission 48 hours advanced notice and the applicant must provide Route Notification. In no case may the Annual Permit be issued for loads in excess of 125% legal axle weights.
- B. Permits are issued only to business entities or individuals actually doing the transporting. The transporting vehicles to be used must be owned by the applicant or operated under a bona fide lease or rental agreement. A copy of the lease or rental agreement must be provided.
- C. The issuance of permits is limited to those vehicles and/or loads which cannot reasonably be divided, dismantled, reduced, or otherwise rearranged to conform to legal dimensions and/or weights as provided by law.
 - o Loads shall be arranged to affect the minimum dimensions for height, length, or width. Staggered loading is not permitted. If a loaded commodity creates a single over-dimension, two or more commodities may be transported as one load provided the permit application so indicates, legal axle loadings are not exceeded, and provided no additional nonconforming dimensions of width, height, or length are created or made greater by the additional commodities.
- D. As a matter of general procedure, permits will not be issued for transportation of loads exceeding limitations specified in the attachment. Efforts should be made to move vehicles or loads exceeding these limitations by some means other than by roadway or to dismantle the object being moved to comply with the limitations. However, issuance of permits may be considered for limited movement of special loads if all efforts to utilize other means of transportation have been exhausted and if the object being moved cannot feasibly be reduced to comply with the specified limitations. A complete written explanation is to be submitted with a properly completed application for further consideration.
- E. Weight- A request for an overweight permit will not be approved for a load consisting of more than one object, and in no event, shall any wheel load exceed 700 pounds per inch of tire width.
 - o No overweight permits will be issued during the springtime weight restrictions period, except in case of public emergency.
- F. Height- Careful consideration must be given to any application requesting movement where the overall height exceeds 13 feet 6 inches because of possible overhead obstructions on proposed routes. All applications for permits in excess of 13 feet 6 inches shall certify that the proposed routes have been traveled to assure vertical clearance.
- G. Escort Vehicles- An escort vehicle must be a passenger car or pickup truck with at least one flashing or rotating amber light on top of the cab. Amber lights are to be visible for 360 degrees for a distance of 500 ft.
- H. Oversize Permits are issued for daylight hours only, Monday through Saturday, with the exception that Mobile Home permits are not valid on Saturday. In special instances other time limitations may be considered.



- Under no conditions will an Oversize Permit be issued for a movement to take place from noon on the day preceding and continuing until daylight of the 1st day after the holidays here listed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.
- When holiday occurs on a Friday or Monday, permits will not be valid for period beginning at noon before the three-day weekend, and ending daylight of the 1st day after the three-day weekend. Mobile Home permits are not valid until noon of the day following the holiday or three-day weekend.

- I. A single round trip permit may be issued for one move in and one move out; this permit may be valid for 5 business days. A multiple trip permit may be issued for an unlimited number of trips in 5 business day period.
- J. Any of the following actions shall immediately void the permit and subject the applicant to appropriate legal action: (a) Misrepresentation of information set forth in an application for permit; (b) Any operation on highways beyond the size or weight limitations shown on the permit; (c) A change or erasure on the permit.
- K. All hydraulic attachments or mechanisms must be securely immobilized with adequate chains and binders. Vehicles must have air or lift axles on the ground.
- L. Vehicles shall be registered as required by Michigan statute and will not violate any statute or ordinance, rule, or regulation of any state agency or subdivision of the state. Vehicles shall comply with all statutory provisions as to other permits, licensing, motor vehicle equipment, and operation. Overweight permits valid only if transporting equipment is licensed for maximum legal axle loadings.
- M. Any approvals, reviews, and inspections of any nature by the Road Commission, its officers, agents, and employees shall not be construed as a warranty or assumption of liability on the part of the Road Commission. It is expressly understood and agreed that any such approvals are for the sole and exclusive purpose of the Road Commission, which is acting in a governmental capacity. Any approvals, reviews, and inspections by the Road Commission will not relieve the permittee of the permittee's obligations hereunder, nor are such approvals, reviews, and inspections by the Road Commission to be construed as a warranty as to the propriety of the permittee's performance.
- N. Applicant agrees to accept responsibility for any damage caused to wires, mailboxes, trees, buildings, or the road, including the structures and appurtenances, and shall reimburse the appropriate parties for any damage caused by the moving of said vehicle or load. Applicant shall save harmless, indemnify, defend, and represent the Board against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or and other claim, arising out of or related to the moving of said vehicle, load, or its presence on or use of the highway by said vehicle and load.
- O. Maximum speed 35 mph. All County Roads for travel to Tuscola County Work Sites Only. Permit Holder is not to use county roads for travel routes thru county. If the proposed move utilizes state highways or city streets, permission must be obtained from the state or local authorities.



9.7. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Agriculture Hauling Permit

Type of Insurance	Notes
None	As required by Statute per the Attorney General Opinion

Oversize / Overweight Permits

Type of Insurance	Coverage Limits	Addl. Insured	Waiver of Subrogation	Primary/Non Contributory	Claims Made	Indemnification
Auto Liability	Michigan No Fault Coverage/Property Protection (PPI) \$1M Statutory Limit	No	No	No	No	Yes

Driveway Permit

Individual Homeowner Permit Holder - Residential Driveway

Type of Insurance	Notes
None	Advise homeowner they will be responsible for any damage done to the ROW Advise homeowner they will be responsible for any injuries as a result of the work in the ROW Advise homeowner they will be required to indemnify the RC as outlined in the ROW permit

Contractor Permit Holder - Commercial or Residential Driveway

Type of Insurance	Coverage Limits	Addl. Insured	Waiver of Subrogation	Primary/Non Contributory	Claims Made	Indemnification
Commercial General Liability (CGL)	Each Occurrence \$2,000,000	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Products Comp/Op Aggregate \$3,000,000					
	General Aggregate \$3,000,000					

Special Event / Parade Permits

Type of Insurance	Coverage Limits	Addl. Insured	Waiver of Subrogation	Primary/Non Contributory	Claims Made	Indemnification
Commercial General Liability (CGL)	Each Occurrence \$2,000,000	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	General Aggregate \$2,000,000					

Notes
For special events requiring participant waivers - Endeavor to have the RC added to the waiver.
If alcohol is being served, host liquor liability is required.

General Right of Way Permit

Individual Homeowner Permit Holder

Type of Insurance	Notes
None	Advise homeowner they will be responsible for any damage done to the ROW Advise homeowner they will be responsible for any injuries as a result of the work in the ROW Advise homeowner they will be required to indemnify the RC as outlined in the ROW permit

Contractor Permit Holder

Type of Insurance	Coverage Limits	Addl. Insured	Waiver of Subrogation	Primary/Non Contributory	Claims Made	Indemnification
Commercial General Liability (CGL)	Each Occurrence \$2,000,000	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Products Comp/Op Aggregate \$3,000,000					
	General Aggregate \$3,000,000					
Auto Liability	Michigan No Fault Coverage/Property Protection (PPI) \$1M Statutory Limit	No	No	No	No	Yes
Professional Liability, as required	Each Occurrence & Aggregate \$2,000,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes

Umbrella may be used to meet limit requirements: Commercial General Liability & Auto Liability

Retro Date for Professional Liability must be prior to issuing permit date.

It is recommended the Self Insured Retention (SIR) for CGL be no greater than \$25,000.

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THIS SENTENCE MUST APPEAR ON THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IF ADDITIONAL INSURED REQUIRED

The Tuscola County Road Commission, The Board of County Road Commissioners, and all its employees are hereby named as additional insured with respect to Job/Permit. Coverage is provided on a primary and non-contributory basis, with a waiver of subrogation.

- The additional insured language must appear on the certificate of insurance exactly as given.
- Proof of insurance shall be the certificate of insurance, and it must provide the name of the insurance company, the policy number, and the policy period, policy descriptions and be signed by the insurance agent.
 - Tuscola County Road Commission shall be named as the Certificate Holder:
Tuscola County Road Commission
1733 Mertz Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
- Proof of endorsement for additional insured if required.
- Proof of endorsement for waiver of subrogation if required.
- No work is to be performed without the policies being currently in effect.
- NO PERMIT, or copy of a permit is to leave the Road Commission office without an insurance certificate on file if required or before an inspection of an existing drive.
- Only one insurance certificate is needed per permit.
 - It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the insurance certificate is up to date.
 - Failure to provide an updated insurance certificate by the expiration date shall result in the expiration of the permit.