

## **Policy and Procedure for Issuance of Special Oversize / Overweight Vehicle Permits in Mohave County, Arizona**

This policy and procedure is for permitting of legal travel over rights-of-way under the County's ownership or control ("**County Roads**") of oversize/overweight vehicle loads doing business within Mohave County, Arizona.

1. In accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 28-1103 and A.R.S. 28-1104, Mohave County with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may issue a special permit in writing, authorizing an applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in the A.R.S. 28-1093 through 28-1100.
2. Special permit requests must be received by the Mohave County Public Works at least two (2) working days prior to the need for issuance of the permit.
3. Special permits for oversize/overweight ("**OS/OW**") vehicles shall be issued in writing under the authority of the Mohave County Engineer ("**County Engineer**") on a case by case basis, considering the conditions of the roadway geometry, the pavement structure and the required pavement maintenance. Special permits are issued typically on a per trip basis, but in some cases, considering special circumstances, and when considered proper and necessary by the County Engineer, a monthly permit may be issued.
4. All OS/OW vehicles are required to carry the special OS/OW vehicle permit issued by the County Engineer in the vehicle or combination to which it refers, open to inspection by an authorized agent or law enforcement officer.
5. Only vehicles that have business in Mohave County, with a trip originating or having a destination in Mohave County, will be considered for an OS/OW special permit. Mohave County does not accommodate interstate OS/OW traffic on County Roads.
6. The gross weight and overall length of vehicles considered for special OS/OW vehicle permits are limited, in accordance with the A.R.S. 28-1100 / A.R.S. 28-1103, to the following:
  - Single-axle load shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;
  - Tandem-axle load shall not exceed 34,000 pounds;
  - The gross vehicle weight of any combination shall not exceed 111,000 pounds; and
  - The overall length of the vehicle combination shall not exceed 92 feet.

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7. The OS/OW vehicle special permits issued by the County Engineer have limitations and restrictions in accordance with the A.R.S. 28-1104, and as stated on each permit. Typical limitations and restrictions in Mohave County may include but may not be limited to the following items:
  - Permit is valid from Sunrise to Sunset, no movement is permitted on Saturday, Sunday or designated holidays;
  - Red Flags are required on all four corners at the widest points of the load / vehicle;
  - Oversize load signs are required, front and rear of the load / vehicle;
  - The permittee is required to guard against overhead wires, overhead highway facilities, and detour underpasses where necessary;
  - Front and rear escorts are required;
  - Front and rear escorts by police officers (Sheriff Deputies) are required for loads of thirteen (13) feet in width or wider;
  - Permit is invalid if weather conditions drop visibility to less than 500 feet;
  - Permit is invalid if ice or snow is on the roadway;
  - Speed limit on County Roads is fifteen (15) miles per hour below the posed speed limit; and
  - Advance notification of the Mohave County Public Works Department is required prior to each trip, by calling telephone number (928) 757-0910, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and at least two (2) working days prior to entering County Roads.
  
8. Unless otherwise posted, a special OS/OW vehicle permit is not required by Mohave County for vehicles not exceeding the maximum legal limits in Arizona as described in the A.R.S. 28-1093 through 28-1100. Typically, a special OS/OW vehicle permit is not required if all of the following conditions are met:
  - Single-axle load does not exceed 20,000 pounds (A.R.S. 28-1100);
  - Tandem-axle load does not exceed 34,000 pounds (A.R.S. 28-1100);
  - Overall gross weight of the vehicle does not exceed 80,000 pounds (A.R.S. 28-1010);
  - Outside width of the body of the vehicle does not exceed eight feet (A.R.S. 28-1093);
  - Total height (unladen or with a load) of the vehicle does not exceed a height of 13.5 feet above the level road surface, (A.R.S. 28-1094); and
  - The vehicle length does not exceed the limits given in A.R.S. 28-1095.