

1 19A NCAC 02D .0602 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 02D .0602 PERMITS ISSUANCE AND FEES** ~~PERMITS – ISSUANCE REQUIREMENTS~~

4 (a) General

5 (1) Permits shall be issued on authorized forms, designate the qualifying movement and permitted route  
6 of travel, and evidence the consideration of vertical clearances, work zones, and safety. The route  
7 of travel shall include the origination location, a detailed description of the exact route, including  
8 applicable county and state road numbers and routes, and the destination location for the movement.  
9 The maximum weight permitted on a designated route shall be determined by the bridge capacity of  
10 the bridges to be crossed during movement. Movements exceeding weight limits for highways or  
11 bridge structures shall be denied if considered by the Department to be unsafe or if the movement  
12 may cause damage to the highway or bridge structures. If the Department determines that the  
13 permitted movement may cause damage to the highway, bridge structures, or any other State  
14 property, the permittee shall be required to obtain a surety bond to cover the estimated cost of  
15 damages. A permit issued by the Department shall not be valid for travel over municipal streets,  
16 defined as streets or highways not maintained by the State of North Carolina.

17 (2) Prior to applying for an oversize/overweight permit, the applicant shall be responsible for reducing  
18 and loading the item, commodity, or combinations thereof to the least possible dimensions and  
19 weight. Permits may be issued for movements of items or commodities which cannot be loaded,  
20 divided, dismantled, or disassembled to meet legal requirements.

21 (3) One item or commodity shall qualify for overweight considerations. Multiple items or commodities  
22 shall not qualify for an overweight permit.

23 (4) One item or commodity or multiple items or commodities loaded in-line shall qualify for overwidth  
24 considerations. If loaded side-by-side, multiple items or commodities shall not exceed eight feet,  
25 six inches in width.

26 (5) One item or commodity of continuous length shall qualify for overlength considerations. The  
27 maximum length for a vehicle or vehicle combination shall be 105 feet. Approval may be given by  
28 the Central Permit Office for permitted loads in excess of 105 feet after review of the geographic  
29 route of travel, consideration of local construction projects, and evaluation of the other dimensions  
30 of the load.

31 (6) One item or commodity shall qualify for overheight considerations. If piled or stacked, multiple  
32 items or commodities shall not exceed 13 feet, 6 inches.

33 ~~Permits may be issued for movements of loads which cannot be reasonably divided, dismantled or disassembled, or~~  
34 ~~so loaded to meet legal requirements. Permits are issued on authorized forms with appropriate designation for~~  
35 ~~qualifying moves on the most direct route of travel to the destination after consideration of vertical clearances, work~~  
36 ~~zones, and other factors to ensure safe movement. A permit issued by the Department is not valid for travel over~~  
37 ~~municipal streets (defined as streets or highways not maintained by the State of North Carolina).~~

1 (b) Annual Trip Permits

- 2 (1) Annual permits shall be valid for 12 months from the effective date of the permit. Annual trip  
3 permits shall require an escort for vehicle and vehicle combinations that exceed 12 feet in width.
- 4 (2) Annual permits may be issued for unlimited movement on all North Carolina highways, as permitted  
5 by the posted road and bridge limits, and without the requirement of an escort for the following:  
6 (A) vehicle and vehicle combinations transporting non-divisible commodities;  
7 (B) vehicle and vehicle combinations transporting a non-divisible commodity with a minimum  
8 extreme wheelbase of 51 feet;  
9 (C) self-propelled equipment with four or five axles; and  
10 (D) non-property hauling vehicles with permanently attached equipment, a minimum wheel  
11 base of 30 feet, the capability of traveling at highway speeds of 45 miles per hour, the  
12 operational purpose of traveling to and from a non-highway job, and a special mobile  
13 equipment license issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles.
- 14 (3) Dimensions for vehicle and vehicle combination permits issued pursuant to Subparagraph 2 of this  
15 Paragraph shall not exceed:  
16 (A) a width of 12 feet;  
17 (B) a height of 13 feet, 6 inches; and  
18 (C) a length of 105 feet.  
19 (D) Part A of Subparagraph 2 within this Paragraph shall not exceed the length as set forth in  
20 G.S. 20-115.1(b) and G.S. 20-116(e), and gross weights and axle weights as set forth in  
21 G.S. 20-118(b)(1)(2)(3).  
22 (E) Parts B, C, and D of Subparagraph 2 within this Paragraph shall not exceed a gross weight  
23 of 90,000 pounds, and axle weights of 20,000 pounds for steer axle, 25,000 pounds for  
24 single axle, 50,000 pounds for tandem axle, 60,000 pounds for tridem axle, and 68,000  
25 pounds for axle groupings of four or more.
- 26 (4) Annual permits may be issued for unlimited movement on all North Carolina highways, as permitted  
27 by the posted road and bridge limits, and with the requirement of an escort for vehicles and vehicle  
28 combinations transporting farm equipment. Dimensions for vehicle and vehicle combination  
29 permits issued pursuant to this Subparagraph shall not exceed:  
30 (A) a width of 14 feet;  
31 (B) a height of 13 feet, 6 inches; and  
32 (C) a weight as set forth in G.S. 20-118(b)(3).
- 33 (5) Annual permits may be issued with the requirement of an escort for mobile or modular homes if  
34 transported from a manufacturer to a North Carolina mobile or modular home dealership, or if  
35 transported from a North Carolina licensed mobile or modular home retail dealer to the transporter  
36 for the delivery of mobile or modular homes. Permitted mobile or modular homes shall be  
37 authorized to travel on designated routes approved by the Department considering construction work

1 zones, highway lane widths, origin and destination, and other factors to ensure safe movement.  
2 Dimensions for vehicle and vehicle combination permits issued under this subparagraph shall not  
3 exceed:

4 (A) a width of 14 feet;

5 (B) a roof overhang of 12 inches, unless the unit width shall be 16 feet, in which case the gutter  
6 edge shall not exceed 3 inches;

7 (C) a height of 13 feet, 6 inches; and

8 (D) a weight as set forth in G.S. 20-118(b)(3).

9 ~~Single trip permits may include a return trip to origin if requested at the time of original issuance and the return trip~~  
10 ~~can be made within the validation of such permit. No single trip permit request shall be issued for a time period to~~  
11 ~~exceed 30 days. Annual permits (blanket) are valid 12 months from the effective date of the permit.~~

12 (c) Single Trip Permits

13 (1) Single trip permits shall be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle and valid for 10 calendar  
14 days for a single, one-way trip. Single trip permit applications shall include the exact origin, detailed  
15 route, and exact destination, including applicable county and state road numbers and routes. A return  
16 trip shall only be considered for a single trip permit if the return trip is requested within the original  
17 permit application. No single trip permit shall be issued for a time period that exceeds 30 days.

18 (2) Single trip permits for vehicle and vehicle combinations with non-divisible overwidth loads are  
19 limited to a maximum width of 15 feet and the conditions specified in this Rule.

20 (3) Single trip permits shall not be restricted by overall length limitations, except the total combination  
21 length of mobile homes shall not exceed 105 feet.

22 (4) Single trip permits shall not authorize a vehicle or vehicle combination height in excess of the  
23 vertical clearances on the authorized route.

24 ~~The Department of Transportation shall collect a fee as specified in G.S. 20-119(b). Only cash, certified check, money~~  
25 ~~order, company check, or credit card shall be accepted. No personal checks shall be accepted. The Department shall~~  
26 ~~bill permittees with established credit accounts monthly for permits issued for the previous month.~~

27 (d) Non-divisible Loads

28 (1) The maximum single trip and annual permit weight allowed for a vehicle or vehicle combination,  
29 not including off-highway construction equipment, shall be:

30 (A) 20,000 pounds for steer axles;

31 (B) 25,000 pounds for single axles;

32 (C) 50,000 pounds for tandem axles;

33 (D) 60,000 pounds for tridem axles;

34 (E) 68,000 pounds for axle groupings of four or more; and

35 (F) an engineering study is required for axle groupings of five or more that exceed 68,000  
36 pounds.

1           (2) The maximum single trip and annual permit gross weight allowed for a vehicle or vehicle  
2           combination, not including off-highway construction equipment, shall be:

3           (A) 70,000 pounds for a three-axle single vehicle;

4           (B) 90,000 pounds for a four-axle single vehicle;

5           (C) 94,500 pounds for a five-axle single vehicle;

6           (D) 112,000 pounds for a five-axle vehicle combination;

7           (E) 108,000 pounds for a six-axle single vehicle;

8           (F) 120,000 pounds for a six-axle vehicle combination;

9           (G) 122,000 pounds for a seven-axle single vehicle;

10          (H) 132,000 pounds for a seven-axle vehicle combination; and

11          (I) determined upon the completion of an engineering study for axle-vehicle combinations of  
12          7 or more if their gross weight exceeds 132,000 pounds.

13          (3) The maximum permit weight allowed for self-propelled off-highway construction equipment with  
14          low pressure or low flotation tires shall be:

15          (A) 37,000 pounds for a single-axle vehicle; and

16          (B) 50,000 pounds for a tandem-axle vehicle;

17          (4) The maximum permit gross weight allowed for self-propelled off-highway construction equipment  
18          with low pressure or low flotation tires shall be:

19          (A) 70,000 pounds for a two-axle single vehicle;

20          (B) 80,000 pounds for a three-axle single vehicle; and

21          (C) 90,000 pounds for a four-axle single vehicle.

22          (5) An overweight permit with a specified route shall be available for a vehicle combination consisting  
23          of a power unit and trailer hauling a sealed ship container. No permit shall be issued in accordance  
24          with this subparagraph unless the vehicle combination shall be:

25          (A) traveling to or from a designated seaport, whether in-state or out-of-state;

26          (B) transported by marine shipment;

27          (C) licensed for the maximum allowable weight for the 51-foot extreme wheelbase  
28          measurement as specified in G.S. 20-118;

29          (D) equal to or less than the maximum width, height, and length dimensions as specified in  
30          G.S. 20-116;

31          (E) a vehicle combination with at least five axles; and

32          (F) in possession of and able to furnish for inspection the proper documentation of the sealed  
33          commodity being transported.

34          (e) Superload Permits

35          (1) Superload permits shall be available for vehicle or vehicle combinations with axles or axle  
36          groupings that exceed the weight limitations provided by this Rule, a gross weight that exceeds  
37          132,000 pounds, or a maximum width in excess of 15 feet. The Chief Engineer or the Chief

1 Engineer's designee may authorize the issuance of a superload permit after analysis of the proposed  
2 load and evaluation of the proposed route of travel.

3 (2) Superload permits shall be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle and valid for 10 calendar  
4 days for a single, one-way trip. Superload permit applications shall include the exact origin, detailed  
5 route, and exact destination, including applicable county and state road numbers or routes. A  
6 separate permit application shall be required for return trips.

7 (f) Houses

8 (1) Applications for permits to move buildings or structures in excess of 15 feet in width shall be made  
9 by a licensed housemover. Housemover license applications and supporting documentation are  
10 issued and renewed by the Central Permit Office.

11 (2) An individual shall not be required to acquire a housemover license prior to applying for a permit if  
12 the power unit and building shall be owned by the permittee and the movement shall be to or from  
13 property individually owned by the permittee.

14 (g) Mobile or Modular Homes

15 (1) Mobile or modular home units shall not exceed a length of 76 feet and the total vehicle combination  
16 length shall not exceed 105 feet.

17 (2) A 14-foot-wide mobile or modular home unit may be transported with a bay window, room  
18 extension, or porch if the protrusion shall not extend beyond the maximum roof overhang of 12  
19 inches or the total width of overhang on the applicable side of the home. An extender shall be placed  
20 on the front and rear of the mobile or modular home with a length to extend horizontally equal to  
21 but not beyond the outermost edge of the mobile or modular home's extension. The extenders shall  
22 have retro-reflective sheeting, sized at a minimum of 4 inches, that shall be Type III high intensity,  
23 encapsulated lens, or Type IV-high performance, prismatic, with alternating fluorescent yellow and  
24 black diagonal stripes that slope towards the outside of the home with a minimum area of 288 square  
25 inches. The bottom of the extenders shall be 6 feet to 8 feet above the road surface. The top of each  
26 extender shall have mounted a 5-inch, amber-colored, flashing beacon.

27 (3) The North Carolina licensed mobile or modular home retail dealer shall maintain records of all  
28 mobile or modular units moved by authority of an annual permit for a minimum of four years from  
29 the date of movement. The records shall be available for inspection and audit by any officer,  
30 employee, or contractor of the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. Monthly reports shall  
31 be submitted by the mobile or modular home retail dealer to the Central Permit Office on a form  
32 furnished by the Department. Failure to comply with any requirement shall be grounds for denying,  
33 suspending, or revoking Manufacturer's License, Dealer's License, and any North Carolina  
34 oversize/overweight permit privileges.

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