

CHAPTER 123

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123.01 HOUSE MOVER DEFINED. A “house mover” means any person who undertakes to move a building or similar structure upon, over or across public streets or property when the building or structure is of such size that it requires the use of skids, jacks, dollies, or any other specialized moving equipment.

123.02 PERMIT REQUIRED. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the activity of house mover as herein defined without a valid permit from the City for each house, building, or similar structure to be moved. Structures or parts of structures less than 15 feet wide and less than 13 and one-half feet high are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

123.03 APPLICATION. Any person desiring a house moving permit as required herein shall file an application with the Public Works Director at least seven days prior to the commencement of the work. Such application shall contain:

1. The date or dates and time of moving the house, structure, or building.
2. The detailed statement setting forth the proposed route to be followed in moving the structure, the equipment to be used, and specifying the person in charge of the moving operation.
3. The location of the premises to which the structure is to be moved and the zoning classification thereof.
4. The name of the owner of the structure and the name of the owner of the premises to which it is being moved showing that the applicant is entitled to move the house.
5. A plot plan of the location to which the structure is to be moved, showing the exact proposed location of the structure, the boundaries of the lot upon which the structure is to be placed, and the dimensions of said lot.
6. A statement showing the maximum length and width (including eaves) and loaded height of the structure to be moved.
7. An agreement that the house mover shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims or damages for injury to person or property resulting from the moving of the structure for which the permit is requested.
8. An agreement that the applicant shall immediately report any damage done by the moving operation to any street, sidewalk, alley, curb, highway, tree, or other public property and that the applicant will upon demand pay the cost of repair occasioned by said damage to the City.

123.04 BOND REQUIRED. The applicant for a house mover's permit shall file with the application a bond, with an approved corporate surety in the penal sum of \$100,000.00, conditioned that all work done under such permit shall be done in good and workmanlike manner, and that the applicant will pay to the City or to any person injured all damages for injuries to person or property, including but not limited to damages to any street, curb, sidewalk, or any other public property caused by negligence, fault, or mismanagement of cause in doing work under such permit.

123.05 INSURANCE REQUIRED. Each applicant shall also file a certificate of insurance indicating that the applicant is carrying public liability insurance in effect for the duration of the permit covering the applicant and all agents and employees for the following minimum amounts:

1. Bodily Injury – \$1,000,000.00 per person; \$1,000,000.00 per accident.
2. Property Damage – \$250,000.00 per accident.

123.06 PERMIT FEE. A permit fee of \$100.00 shall be payable at the time of filing the application with the Clerk. A separate permit shall be required for each house, building, or similar structure to be moved.

123.07 PERMIT ISSUED. Upon the filing of the application with the Public Works Director, payment of the fee, filing of the bond, acquisition of an insurance policy as herein required, and approval by the Public Works Director, a house moving permit shall be issued by the City in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

123.08 DENIAL OF PERMIT. When in the judgment of the Public Works Director the proposed work will result in an undue hazard to traffic or undue damage to streets, highways, curbs, sidewalks, trees, or other public or private property, the permit shall be denied and the reasons therefor endorsed upon the application.

123.09 RESTRICTIONS. A permit issued pursuant to this chapter may be restricted in that the Public Works Director may require the Police Chief to escort the house being moved and may restrict or specify the cost of these requirements shall be borne by the house mover.

123.10 EQUIPMENT. All equipment used in the moving operation must be equipped with adequate warning flares and lights. A house mover shall at all times comply with the provisions of State law pertaining to wheel loadings. The house mover shall not use any equipment which travels upon the streets, highways, alleys, sidewalk, or other public grounds that is not equipped with rubber tires.

123.11 PLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT. All caster wheels or other rolling gear shall be placed under the house, structure, or building to be moved in such a manner that the measurement of the maximum outside width of such casters, wheels, or rolling gear shall be at least two feet less than the width of the traveled portion of the roadway upon which the house structure or building is to be moved.

123.12 DAMAGES. The house mover shall report any damages done to any street, highway, alley, sidewalk, curb, tree, telephone or light poles or wires, or to any other public or private property, except property owned by the house mover or the structure being moved, to the Public Works Director within 12 hours after the occurrence. The house mover shall, upon demand,

pay any damages resulting from an injury to any person or property. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the house mover from contesting any claim in good faith in any court.

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