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Seasonal Weight Limit Permit Policy

- The Price County Highway Commissioner recommends drivers always haul legal loads to include during the spring thaw when seasonal weight postings are imposed. The Commissioner encourages owner/operators divide or separate cargo into units of legal weight.
- “Divisible loads” are any cargo which can be separated into units of legal weights without affecting the physical integrity of the load. Examples include but not limited to: aggregates, logs, scrap metal, fuel, trash, palletized goods (including perishable goods), liquid cargo, etc.
- A “non-divisible load” is one piece or item which cannot be separated into units of legal weight without affecting the physical integrity of the load. Examples include but not limited to: single columns, single poles, individual piece of equipment.
- All vehicles not able to meet or choosing not to comply with the seasonal weight limits are required to apply for and if granted shall carry valid permit in the vehicle. There are no “exempt” products, materials, or industries.
- The permit shall be filed three (3) business days in advance of requested date to move load. The permit shall be filled out by the transporting individual, not the shipping/receiving individual. The approved permit shall be in the transporting vehicle to be valid. A permit is only valid for a single vehicle. Each vehicle is required to have its own permit. No photocopies permitted.
- The permit is not valid unless signed by the Price County Highway Commissioner. Any attempt to receive a verbal permit is not allowed.
- Application forms shall be filled out completely. Leaving any information blank will result in denial of the permit. Application can be found on the Price County website through the Highway Department link.
- The permit request shall include a marked route map. The location at which the requester will enter the County Highway System and location of the pickup/delivery shall be clearly indicated. The Highway Commissioner may place further restrictions such as alternate route and time of day when a vehicle may travel on a seasonal weight limit permit. For example: trip must take place between the hours of 6 A.M. – 8 A.M. (to take advantage of frozen road condition during known periods of breakup).
- The Highway Commissioner has the authority to deny or suspend a permit if conditions are too severe to allow loads greater than the seasonal weight limits on desired County Highway. Lack of planning or economic hardship on the part of the individual requesting the permit or the individual requiring the services from the permit requester shall not be factors when a denial or suspension of a permit is required due to road base conditions.
- The permit is only valid for Price County highways. Any weight restriction on State, City, Village, Township or neighboring County roads are handled by each respective entity.