



## **MOVING PERMIT REGULATIONS**

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**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. All trips shall comply with *Section 10.12.020 Moving Permit – Oversized Load* of the Santee Municipal Code:
  - A. *It is unlawful for any person to operate any of the following vehicles in the City except as authorized by a permit issued by the City Traffic Engineer, which authorizes the operation of such vehicle for the purpose of making necessary deliveries and pickups to or from points in the City:*
    1. *Any truck or commercial vehicle more than eight and one-half feet wide;*
    2. *Any truck or commercial vehicle loaded so that any part of its load extends more than 20 feet to the front or rear of the vehicle;*
    3. *Any truck or commercial vehicle more than 14 feet high, measured from the surface upon which the vehicle stands.*
2. All provisions of the Vehicle Code shall be complied with at all times. This permit is issued pursuant to Section 35780 of the Vehicle Code. Except as specifically provided herein, the requirements of the Vehicle Code and any vehicle registration requirements and other applicable laws must be complied with in all particulars.
3. All moves shall be made from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted on the face of the permit.
4. No moves shall be made on Saturday, Sunday, Holidays, or at night unless authorized on the face of the permit.
5. Each Permittee for a permit shall provide proof of INSURANCE IN FORCE in accordance with Section 11.34.255 of the Santee Municipal Code.
6. The moving of any load or the doing of any work on the highway in accordance with this permit shall be regarded as an acceptance by the Permittee of all terms and conditions of the permit. This permit is effective only between the hours stated on the face of the permit or as may be specified in additional regulations.

This permit is to be strictly construed and any move other than specifically mentioned on the face of this permit will render this permit null and void.

The use of this permit is prima facie evidence that the driver has checked the load and/or vehicle and know it to be within the limits as set forth hereon and has verified the routing accuracy.

This permit is not valid unless signed by an authorized representative of the Department of Engineering.

This permit is automatically canceled if the move is made by crews or equipment of any organization or individual other than the one named on the face of the permit, or if any alteration or attempted alteration is made upon any portion, section or part of this permit (see Vehicle Code Sec. 27900), or if a reproduced copy of the permit is used.

Work authorized under this permit is subject to inspection by representatives of the City and costs of such inspection shall be borne by the Permittee.

7. The permit is subject to inspection at all times. This permit must be carried on the equipment or load at all times while it is being moved within the highway limits. It shall be submitted for inspection on demand of an authorized employee of the City or of any law enforcement officer.
8. This permit is issued on the premise that the load described hereon has been loaded in a manner consistent with the California Department of Transportation reducible load policy. This policy does not authorize over legal dimension(s) by loading side by side, by stacking nor by loading end to end. Over legal weight is not authorized if two or more non-related items are transported as a single load. This permit is automatically canceled if any permitted dimension or weight can be reduced to legal limit by repositioning and/or practical removal of a part, portion, or unit therefrom. Trusses as defined by Section 657 of the Vehicle Code are exempt from the repositioning requirement as intended by Section 35708.5 of the Vehicle Code. Items not listed on the permit may be hauled provided they do not increase the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights. All tampers, rollers, and other compaction equipment ballasted with water, earth or metal must have such ballast removed unless all axle and gross weights do not exceed Vehicle Code legal maximums. Integral components of construction equipment and implements of Husbandry need not be removed providing the overall width does not exceed 14'-0", except the draft arms of a scraper and dozer blades cannot exceed 14'-6".

#### **SINGLE TRIP MOVING PERMITS:**

Single Trip Moving Permits shall be for the movement of a singular one way trip.

1. An application must contain:
  - a. Name and address of mover.
  - b. Object(s) to be transported.
  - c. Overall dimensions, height, width, length.
  - d. Object weight.
  - e. Gross weight.
  - f. Composition of hauling equipment.
  - g. Maximum axle loads (not to exceed "PURPLE" weight as specified by California Department of Transportation).
  - h. Origin, route, destination.
  - i. Hauling equipment identification (Make, model, license number)
  - j. Permit fee shall be per the City's fee schedule.
  - k. Permits are valid for 10 calendar days from date of issuance.

## 2. Restrictions

- a. Loads exceeding 12'-6" in width require a pilot car; loads in excess of 14'-0" in width or over 90'-0" long require a pilot car fore and aft.
- b. Loads exceeding 15'-0" in width or 15'-0" in height require route evaluation. These applications must be submitted to the Department of Engineering at least 8 days prior to the intended move.
- c. The Department of Engineering may impose such other restrictions deemed necessary by the specific conditions of the move applied for.

### **ANNUAL MOVING PERMITS:**

Annual Moving Permits will be issued under the following conditions:

1. Permit to be issued to a specific truck and trailer combinations, truck cranes, etc. to be identified by year, make, license number, I. D. number, number of axles, number of tires, and width of trailer.
2. For moves with a truck-trailer combination.
  - a. Vehicle and load shall not exceed 13'-6" in width, 15'-0" in height, and 90'-0" overall length.
  - b. Loads with overhang require a pilot vehicle.
3. For truck cranes. Vehicle shall not exceed 11'-0" plus 2" on each side for tire bulge, clearance lights and safety devices required by California Vehicle Code (mirrors may extend on either side as necessary to conform with Section 26709 of the Vehicle Code); height must be legal; length shall not exceed 75'-0" overall not including boom or 80'-0" overall including boom, subject to the restrictions as specified by the California State Department of Transportation. Application for moving a truck crane must be accompanied by a copy of valid State Transportation Permit and/or a copy of weight and inspection report not more than one year old.
4. Permittee must be a licensed dealer, transporter, or contractor.
5. Permittee must be an owner of the vehicle or the authorized representative.
6. Permits for "GREEN" loads will be limited to those City roads not posted for a lesser load limit. Permits for "PURPLE" loads will be limited to a specific list of County roads. ("GREEN" and "PURPLE" weights are specified by California State Department of Transportation.)
7. Permits for oversize loads shall be deemed to cover only those roads over which a load of that size can be moved safely.
8. Movements of loads in excess of 12'-6" wide will REQUIRE a pilot car. Those loads in excess of 14'-0" wide will require a pilot car fore and aft.
9. Annual Permits may not be used to transport manufactured homes to a property within

the City, other than a mobile home park. A Single Trip Moving Permit shall be required when moving a home to an individual lot.

10. Permit fee shall be per the City's Fee Schedule and the permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year.
  - a. If permit is issued for less than one year because of insurance, it can be extended to one year upon proof of insurance.
  - b. If the tractor identified on a blanket permit is sold, the permit may be assigned to a new tractor for the remainder of the permit life.

### **REPETITIVE HAUL PERMITS:**

A Repetitive Haul Permit may be issued where multiple units of similar cargo are hauled over the same route. Multiple units are defined as 10 or more trips from the same origin or destination, such as for removal or import of dirt. An application shall contain:

1. All information required for a Single Trip Moving Permit will be required on repetitive permits.
2. Individual tractor and trailers need not be identified if the cargo is unique.
3. Permit fee shall be per the City's fee schedule. A refundable deposit of \$1,500 (or higher as determined by the Director of Engineering due to nature of work) shall also be required for any damage to City infrastructure including damage to striping by sweeping, or in the event that street sweeping is not addressed by Permittee or site developer.
4. Permits shall be issued for a period sufficient to cover the hauling operation but must not be longer than one year.
5. Permittee must be a licensed dealer, transporter, or contractor.
6. Permittee must be the owner of the vehicle or the authorized representative.

### **ROUTE EVALUATION**

Any load exceeding 110'-0" in length, 15'-0" in width, and 16'-0" in height is subject to a route evaluation and inspection by the Department of Engineering. Arrangements must be made eight (8) calendar days prior to the move.

### **LIMIT OF AUTHORIZATION**

1. CITY HIGHWAYS. This permit only covers portion of move on City highways under jurisdiction of the City. This permit neither implies nor grants otherwise. City and State permits must be secured for travel on roads and streets under their respective jurisdiction.
2. TRIP LIMIT. Unless specifically stated on the face hereof, this permit is good for only one trip between the points designated. Repetitive Haul permits limits will be

determined based on the nature of the haul.

3. SAFETY. Permittee shall at all times give strict attention to the safety and rights of the traveling public.
4. TRAVELED WAY. The vehicle must be kept to the right of the highway centerline at all times unless otherwise approved by the Department of Engineering, and must stay off shoulders except when entering or leaving the highway or when necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass. On narrow or winding roads, flagmen shall effectively warn and direct traffic. Movement in convoy shall not be permitted unless specified on the face of the permit.
5. LAW ENFORCEMENT ESCORT. Law enforcement escort is required when traveling in opposing travel lanes on major arterials and must be arranged and paid for by the permittee.
6. BRIDGE STRUCTURES. Extra-legal weight vehicles or loads shall not cross bridge structures simultaneously with other heavily laden vehicles. Before entering upon any bridge structure, the Permittee shall observe approaching traffic from both directions and should it appear that a second heavily laden vehicle would pass in the opposing lane of traffic or overtake the vehicle, the driver shall pull unit clear of the traveled way and wait until the unregulated load or loads have crossed the bridge structure before entering thereon.
7. PROTECTION ON BRIDGES OR NARROW ROADS. When crossing bridges or on roads so narrow that it is impossible to comply with Regulation 9, a flagman shall be posted ahead of such equipment to warn and direct approaching traffic (see Escort Vehicle Regulations 36 and 37).
8. NIGHT MOVING. Night or weekend moving of extra-legal loads or vehicles will only be permitted when specifically stated on the face of the permit. When night moving is permitted, clearance and side marker lamps must be installed on load at all times and mounted to conform to Section 25100 (c) of the Vehicle Code. Vehicles used for night or weekend moving of permit loads must meet the following requirements:
  - a. performance shall be comparable with vehicles moving legal loads.
  - b. shall have the ability to maintain normal highway speeds.
  - c. shall avoid undue interference with other traffic.
9. MOVING IN FOGGY, RAINY OR WINDY WEATHER. No moving shall be done in foggy, rainy or windy weather when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet except on special authorization. Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow or frost or when use of tire chains is mandatory. No moving shall be done when velocity of the wind is such that it causes the vehicle being towed to whip or swerve from side to side or fail to follow substantially in the path of the towing vehicle. Any accident caused by excessive wind conditions shall be considered a prima facie violation of this restriction.
10. PARKING ON HIGHWAY. If necessary to park equipment of load on the highway at

night, it shall be moved off the traveled way or pavement so as not to interfere with passing traffic in any way. Warning lights shall be displayed so as to fully protect said traffic. Parking on freeways will be allowed only in case of emergency.

11. NO MOVING DURING HOLIDAYS. Unless authorized on the face of this permit equipment or load covered by this permit shall not be moved over the highways on Saturdays, Sundays and the following holidays (or any of these holidays falling on a weekend and celebrated on a weekday):

New Year's Day (January 1)  
Martin Luther King Jr. (3rd Monday in Jan.)  
President's Day (3rd Monday in Feb.)  
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)  
Independence Day (July 4)  
Labor Day (1st Monday in Sept.)  
Veterans Day (November 11)  
Thanksgiving Day & Friday after  
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (December 24 & 25)

When one of the above listed holidays falls on Monday or Friday, permit movements will not be allowed on a holiday nor the immediately preceding or following weekend, unless authorized on the face of the permit.

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF PERMITTEE**

1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRIDGES. This permit does not authorize crossing any posted bridges with gross load exceeding posted limits. Permittee shall comply with all rules posted on any bridges over which are passed and shall assume all risks relative thereto.
2. OVERHEAD CLEARANCE. When height of load exceeds legal limit, it becomes the responsibility of the Permittee to check all underpasses, bridges, overhead wires or other structures for impaired vertical clearance and to bypass or arrange clearance at such locations.
3. REPAIR OF DAMAGE. In accepting this permit, the Permittee agrees to repair at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the Engineering Director, any damage to the highway or structures such as damage to traffic signals, light standards, roadway striping, concrete curbs gutters, sidewalks or medians, roadway signs, bridges or any other parts of the roadway. Work of repair may be done by City forces at the option of the Engineering Director, the cost to be borne by the Permittee. In the event of damage to City highway facilities, a written report must be filed with the Department of Engineering within 72 hours after such damage has been done. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the Department of Engineering for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.
4. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES. The Permittee is responsible for all liability for injury to or death of any person or damage to property which may occur through any act or

omission of either the Permittee or the City of Santee. In the event any claim, suit, or action is brought against the City of Santee, its officer, or employee thereof, by reason of, or in connection with any such act or omission, Permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees from such claim, suit, or action.

5. **OTHER LEGAL LIMITATIONS.** All vehicles, utilized as laden or unladen under this permit must conform to legal length, width, and/or overall combination length as defined in the California Vehicle Code, except as specifically stated on the permit. Outriggers may extend to maximum 10'-6" width on legal width vehicles only when laden.
6. **AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT.** All trailers or dollies being towed by truck cranes, boom trucks, "A" frame units, drill rigs or similar units and/or any transported load on such trailer or dolly must conform to legal length, width and/or weights as defined in the California Vehicle Code unless specifically exempt on the face of the permit.
7. **MAXIMUM WEIGHT AND SIZE.** The maximum limits for weight and size of vehicles and loads set forth in the Vehicle Code shall not be exceeded except as specifically stated on the face of this permit. Permitted axle weights do not authorize exceeding rated capacity of vehicle tires as specified in 1086 California Administration Code.
8. **BOOSTER TYPE AXLES.** A booster axle is an axle generally having an air or hydraulic cylinder suspension system that can be actuated independently to assume a portion of the load that would otherwise be carried by adjacent axles. Booster axles and add on or "Joe Dog" axles shall not be used in the movement of permit loads.
9. **TRAILERS AND/OR DOLLIES.** Not more than two trailers or one trailer and one dolly in combination shall be moved over the highway at any one time behind the towing equipment. Exceptions will be considered if transported item is of an unreducible weight and extra axles are mandatory to achieve weight limitations.
10. **SIGNS.** Unless specifically stated otherwise on the face of the permit, all loads or vehicles being moved on highways under the provisions of Section 35780 of the CA Vehicle Code, exceeding 8'-0" in width, 80'-0" in length, or with more than 10'-0" of overhang must display appropriate warning signs. All signs shall be removed immediately upon completion of the work.

Signs shall be posted on front and rear and shall read "LONG LOAD" or "OVERSIZE". The "LONG LOAD" sign shall be used whenever overall length exceeds 100 feet. The "OVERSIZE" sign shall be used for shorter lengths and other oversize features. The more definite signs reading "WIDE LOAD", "LONG LOAD", "OVERSIZE LOAD", "EXCESSIVE FRONT OVERHANG" or "EXCESSIVE REAR OVERHANG" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The "LONG LOAD" sign shall have preference when length exceeds 100'-0" and other oversize features exist. The lettering shall be a 10" minimum height with a 1-5/8" minimum brush stroke, and a minimum 1" all around. All signs shall be black letters on a yellow background, mounted at least 18" above the road surface front and



rear. Signs must be neat, clean, legible, mounted securely and visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45° either side thereof.

## **TRAILER COACHES AND BUILDING MODULES**

1. COACHES AND MODULES TOWED ON OWN AXLES
  - a. Shall not exceed 6,000 pounds per axle.
  - b. Exceeding 11'-6" in width shall have a minimum of 2 axles.
  - c. Exceeding 60'-0" in length shall have a minimum of 3 axles.
  - d. Units with 2 or more axles shall be equipped with full braking on a minimum of 2 axles.
  - e. May exceed 60 feet but may not exceed 65'-0" in length with a minimum of two axles when equipped with 8 x 14.5 mobile home 8-ply or 10-ply rated tires. (Ref. HUD regulations 24 CFR Section 280.904(b)(6).
2. TOWING UNITS. Tractor units towing trailer coaches and modules exceeding 10'-0" in width shall be equipped with dual rear wheels, and shall have an unladen weight as defined in Section 660 of the California Vehicle Code of not less than 6,500 pounds.
3. OPEN SIDE COVERING. Open sided units shall be covered by plywood, hard board or other rigid material. In lieu of rigid material, suitable plastics, or other flexible material may be used. Billowing or flapping of plastic or flexible side covering in excess of 6" in any one place will not be permitted.

## **TOW TRUCK**

1. LENGTH. The length of tow truck and tow bar added to a legal vehicle or combination of vehicles is permitted within the radius specified on the permit. (See Vehicle Code 25780.)
2. DANGEROUS CARGO.
  - a. A disabled vehicle or vehicle combination containing a flammable or corrosive cargo, or poison gas may be towed without length limitation to the nearest petroleum distribution center, truck service stop, or destination, if closer.
  - b. A disabled vehicle or vehicle combination containing or carrying explosives may be towed without length limitations only over approved routes and only to an approved safe parking spot as authorized by the California Highway Patrol for this type of cargo, or to destination, if closer.
3. LEGAL SIZE. Any disabled vehicle or vehicles, including load, to be towed shall be of legal size and weight (see Regulation 35 for exceptions).
4. UNRESTRICTED MOVEMENT. Unrestricted day and night movements, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, are authorized provided that only essential minimum distances (point of breakdown to nearest off-ramp) are traveled in metropolitan areas between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..

## 5. TOWING PERMIT LOADS AND/OR VEHICLES.

- a. Disabled oversize and/or overweight vehicles, if covered by a valid moving permit issued by the Department of Engineering, may be towed on the City highways authorized by that moving permit but only to the closest freeway off-ramp, city street, or truck service stop.
- b. Any disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles which because of damage has incurred distortion in width or height hereby causing an excess in legal dimensions or the dimensions authorized by a moving permit adhere to the following provisions:
  - i. When such damage occurs on the City highway other than a freeway, the disabled vehicle or combination shall be towed either to the nearest City street over which travel can be continued by other permits or towed to the nearest parking spot until a "single trip" permit can be obtained covering the existing oversize dimensions to further travel.
  - ii. When such damage occurs on any full freeway, the vehicle or combination may be towed to the nearest off-ramp of the City street over which travel can be continued by other permits. Any such width over 12'-0" will require a front and rear pilot car as escort for any distance over one-half mile.

## **ESCORT VEHICLE AND FLAGGING**

1. PERMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPER PILOTING AND FLAGGING PROCEDURES. It shall be the responsibility of the Permittee to ensure that pilot car vehicles, operators, and/or flagmen employed carry out the provisions of this permit, and all personnel are properly equipped and briefed as to their responsibilities prior to the movement. Failure of pilot car operators and flagmen to comply with these provisions in properly warning and directing traffic is considered a violation of the terms of this permit.
2. FLAGMAN. When necessary to post a flagman or flagmen in order to warn and direct approaching traffic, each flagman must be wearing a red jacket or vest and equipped with a red flag and paddle reading "STOP" in white letters with red background. Flagmen shall not be less than 18 years of age and be trained and capable of carrying out flagging responsibilities.
3. PILOT CARS. Pilot cars when specified on the face of the permit shall be furnished by the Permittee.

When one pilot car is required it shall precede on two or three lane conventional roads or follow on four or more lane divided roads. When two pilot cars are required one shall precede and one shall follow piloted load or vehicle. Exceptions to these provisions are to be specifically stated on the face of the permit. The permit may require additional pilot cars.

Pilot cars and permit move shall remain right of the centerline of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the highway. The use of a pilot car does not grant to the Permittee the right to pre-empt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane the permit move shall not occupy that lane

until it has been advised by the pilot car that the lane is clear of all on-coming traffic. Opposing traffic is not to be stopped, except in extreme emergencies. It shall be the responsibility of the permit move to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding.

Pilot cars shall also comply with provisions of Section 21650 of the Vehicle Code with regard to driving upon the right side of the roadway.

Pilot cars shall not be used to tow another vehicle while being utilized as a pilot car.

Convoying, or using one pilot car for more than one extra-legal load, will not be permitted unless specifically authorized on the face of the permit.

All vehicles or loads exceeding 12'-6" in width, or the lane width will require a pilot car and those exceeding 14'-0" in width shall have a pilot car, both front and rear. In some areas a pilot car will be required for loads of lesser width or additional pilot cars will be called for depending on the character of the road and the traffic volume. For example, pilot cars may be specified for loads or vehicles exceeding 10'-0" in width on two-lane roads traversing mountain areas.

All loads exceeding 25'-0" front/rear overhang measured from the last visible means of support will require a pilot car.

All mobile vehicles, the boom rear overhang exceeding 25'-0" measured from the center of the rear most axle of the vehicle, boom dolly, or boom trailer, or with boom front overhang exceeding 25'-0" measured from the front of the front tire of the vehicle, will require a pilot car if so stated on the face of the permit.

Pilot cars will also be required for loads where any part of the vehicle or load will be expected to encroach on opposing traffic lanes due to alignment, lane width, traffic density, etc., or if assistance is needed at on or off ramps in interchange areas.

The interval to be maintained between pilot car(s) and the escorted load or vehicles shall provide the maximum warning to other traffic. The interval shall also be adequate to allow traffic to pass each vehicle separately where possible.

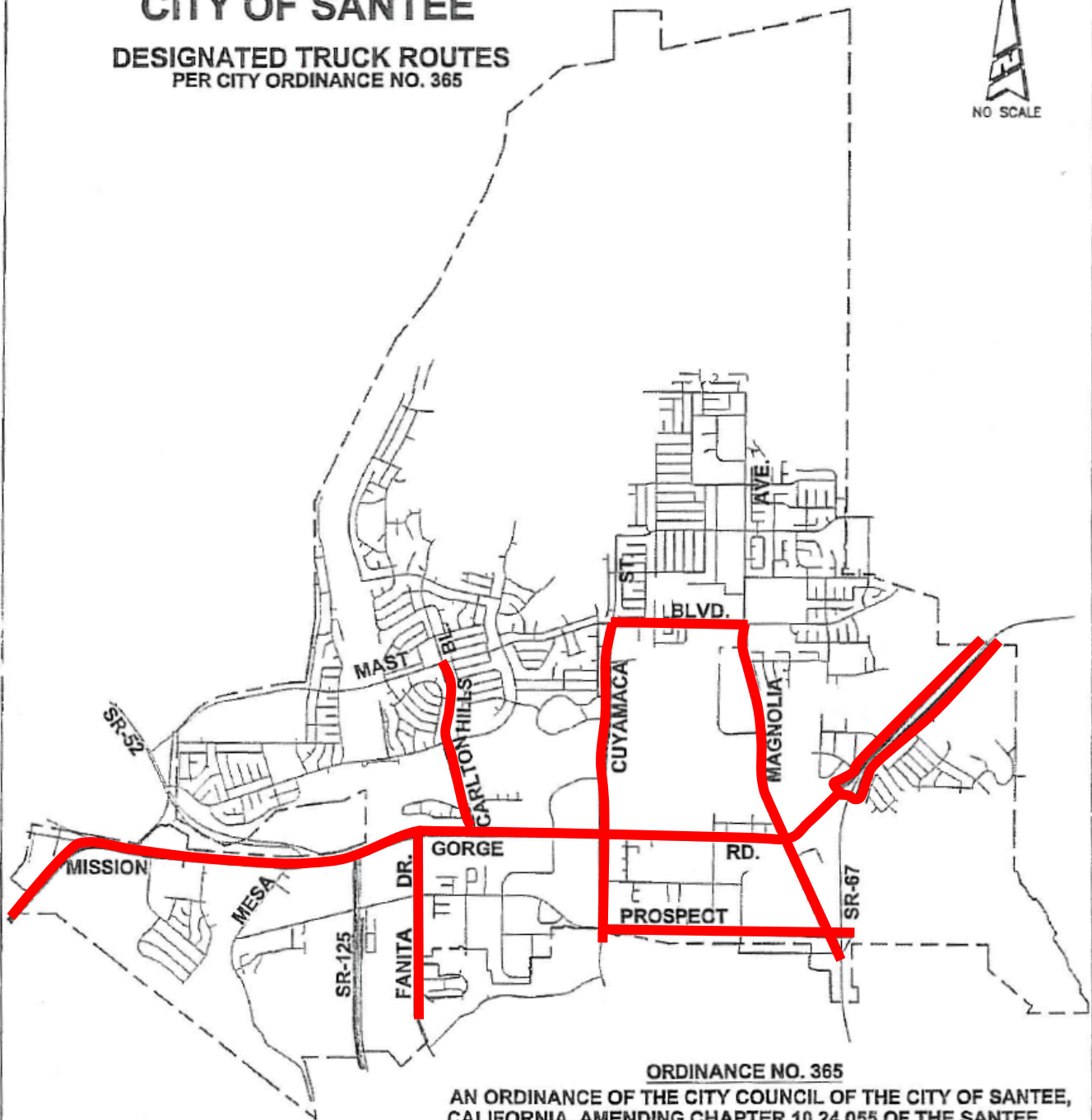
Pilot car shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

- a. SIZE. Minimum: 60" in width. Maximum: 1-1/2 ton truck.
- b. LIGHTS. Display top mounted flashing or totaling amber light(s), which must be operated at all times while escorting a load unless otherwise specified on the face of the permit. Lights shall be visible to the front when leading, and to the rear when following. Lights must be a type as listed on the California Highway Patrol list of approved lighting devices.
- c. SIGNS. Display a top-mounted sign with minimum height of the bottom of the sign 48" above the roadway. The sign shall contain the message "OVERSIZE LOAD AHEAD/FOLLOWING", as appropriate. The more definitive signs reading "OVERSIZE LOAD AHEAD/FOLLOWING", "WIDE LOAD AHEAD/FOLLOWING", or "LONG LOAD AHEAD/FOLLOWING" may be

- substituted for the "OVERSIZE LOAD AHEAD/ FOLLOWING" sign when appropriate. The sign shall be printed with 5" minimum height black letters on a yellow background, using a minimum 1" brush stroke. Signs must not be displayed when not escorting a load.
- d. RADIO. Two-way radio communications between pilot cars and transporting vehicles will be required where the vehicle and/or load encroaches into opposing lanes of travel due to lane widths, highway alignment, side clearance restrictions, length and/or width of load, etc. when specified on the face of the permit.
  - e. RED FLAGS. Each pilot vehicle shall be equipped with (1) slow/stop hand paddle, (2) red hand flag, (3) red vest or jacket. These items are to be utilized by the pilot car operator in the event it becomes necessary to park the pilot car and stop or control highway traffic. Flagging procedures shall be in accordance with state's pamphlet entitled "Instructions to Flagmen". At no time will the slow/stop hand paddle be displayed out of the window of moving vehicle.

## MAP OF APPROVED TRUCK ROUTES

### **CITY OF SANTEE** **DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTES** PER CITY ORDINANCE NO. 365



#### **ORDINANCE NO. 365**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.24.055 OF THE SANTEE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TRUCK TRAFFIC ON CITY STREETS.

#### **LEGEND:**

— • TRUCK ROUTE