

Town of Concord

APP # 23

**Procedure for Moving Oversized Buildings or Structures
upon a Public Way**

1. Chapter 85, Section 18 of the General Laws governs the moving of buildings in public ways. This section provides:

"No person shall move a building in a public way without written permission from the Selectmen or road commissioners, to be granted upon such terms as in their opinion the public safety may require; and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction and equity to enforce this section."

Therefore, the individual must acquire a permit from the Board of Selectmen prior to the moving of any oversized building or structure.
2. An application (see attached example) is available from the Secretary to the Board of Selectmen. The application shall be utilized for all such moves.
3. The Building Commissioner shall serve as coordinator for any requested house moves.
4. The Board of Selectmen have established the following fees:
 - a. Application fee \$200
 - b. Permit Fee \$100 for the first one mile of the move and \$50 for each additional mile or fraction thereof.
5. The fee is payable as soon as the person requests a department head to review any portion of the move, and it is non-refundable whether the individual acquires a permit or not. Applicants should be aware that the costs of police details and other associated work shall be in addition to the aforementioned fees established by the Board of Selectmen.
6. Before the Town Officials will put a significant amount of work into reviewing the application, the applicant must demonstrate to the Building Commissioner that they have a clear route established through the town.
7. Definition: An oversized building or structure is one which is more than 10'-0" wide or 14'-0" high or over 65'-0" long.

Note: Additional permitting may be required to move such structures on state roadways.

Any questions or comments on this procedure should be referred to the Town Manager's Office.

Attachment

Distribution: All Department Heads

**TOWN OF CONCORD
MASSACHUSETTS**

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO MOVE OVERSIZED BUILDING OR
STRUCTURE**

Instructions

It will be the responsibility of the person doing the moving to apply to the Board of Selectmen for the permit. Before a permit can be considered, the applicant must get approval from the Building Inspector, Tree Warden, Police Chief, Light Plant Superintendent, Telephone Company, Cable Company, Public Works Department and any other as required. Any expenses involved will be borne by the applicant and an estimate of any costs to be incurred by the Town, such as dropping power services, tree limb removal, Police escort, shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer prior to the moving.

Applicant's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address _____

Itinerary: From: _____

To: _____

Via: _____

Dimensions of Structure

Height (loaded on trailer) _____ Estimated Weight _____

Width _____ Length _____

Date and Time of Moving

Approvals

Department

Authorized by

Estimate of
Costs Deposited

Fire Department
Natural Resource

Commission _____

Light Department _____

Public Works Department _____

Telephone Company _____

Cable Company _____

Police Department _____

Tree Warden _____

Building Inspector
(With Proof of Liability
Insurance Submitted) _____

Date _____

Signature _____