

321E.2 Permits by department and local authorities.

1. The department and local authorities may in their discretion and upon application and with good cause shown issue permits for the movement of special mobile equipment being temporarily moved on streets, roads, or highways and for vehicles with indivisible loads, or divisible loads where expressly authorized under [this chapter](#), which exceed the maximum dimensions and weights specified in [sections 321.452 through 321.466](#), but not to exceed the limitations imposed in [this section](#) and [sections 321E.3 through 321E.15](#) except as provided in [section 321E.29](#).

2. Vehicles permitted to transport indivisible loads may do any of the following:

a. Exceed the width and length limitations specified in [sections 321.454 and 321.457](#) for the purpose of picking up an indivisible load or returning from delivery of the indivisible load. Vehicles with retractable body extensions used to support cargo must be reduced to legal dimensions unless the vehicle is loaded and the extension is in use.

b. Move indivisible special mobile equipment which does not otherwise exceed the maximum dimensions and weights specified in [sections 321.452 through 321.466](#) if the vehicle has an overall width not to exceed nine feet and all other conditions of the vehicle's permit are met.

3. A permit issued under [this chapter](#) shall be in writing or in an electronic format and shall be carried in the cab of the vehicle for which the permit has been issued. Permits issued under [this chapter](#) and the vehicle for which the permit has been issued shall be open to inspection at all times by any peace officer or an authorized agent of any permit-issuing authority.

4. When in the judgment of the permit-issuing authority the movement of a vehicle with an indivisible or divisible load or special mobile equipment which exceeds the maximum dimensions and weights will be unduly hazardous to public safety or will cause undue damage to infrastructure or other public or private property, the permit shall be denied and the reasons for denial endorsed on the application. Permits shall designate the days when and routes upon which loads and special mobile equipment may be moved within a county on other than primary roads.

5. A permit-issuing authority may allow persons requesting permits under [this chapter](#) to do so in person, through the internet, by facsimile machine, or by telephone, authorizing payment for the permits to be made upon receipt of an invoice sent to the persons by the permit-issuing authority.

[C31, 35, §5067-d7, -d8; C39, §**5035.16, 5035.18, 5035.19**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §321.467, 321.469, 321.470; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321E.1]

[83 Acts, ch 116, §3; 85 Acts, ch 257, §20; 94 Acts, ch 1087, §9, 10; 96 Acts, ch 1089, §5; 96 Acts, ch 1152, §19; 2008 Acts, ch 1124, §9; 2013 Acts, ch 49, §2, 28](#)

C2014, §321E.2

[2022 Acts, ch 1076, §2, 8](#)

Referred to in [§321E.8, 321E.9, 321E.9A, 321E.9B](#)

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