
CHAPTER 123

HOUSE MOVERS

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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.

123.03 APPLICATION; FEE FOR PERMIT.

Application for a house mover's permit shall be made in writing to the Clerk. The application shall include:

1. Name and Address. The applicant's full name and address and, if a corporation, the names and addresses of its principal officers.
2. Building Location. An accurate description of the present location and future site of the building or similar structure to be moved.
3. Routing Plan. A routing plan approved by the Police Chief, Street Superintendent, and public utility officials. The route approved shall be the shortest route compatible with the greatest public convenience and safety.

There shall be a fee for the permit in the amount shown on the Fines and Fees Schedule in Section 1.15 of this Code of Ordinances.

123.04 BOND REQUIRED.

The applicant shall post with the Clerk a penal bond in the minimum sum of \$25,000.00 issued by a surety company authorized to issue such bonds in the State. The bond shall guarantee the permittee's payment for any damage done to the City or to public property, and payment of all costs incurred by the City in the course of moving the building or structure.

123.05 INSURANCE REQUIRED.

Except as provided in Section 123.07, each applicant shall also file a certificate of insurance for public liability insurance to be in effect for the duration of the permit covering the applicant and all agents and employees for the following minimum amounts:

1. Bodily Injury – \$50,000.00 per person; \$100,000.00 per accident.
2. Property Damage – \$50,000.00 per accident.

123.06 PERMIT ISSUED.

Upon approval of the application, filing of bond and insurance certificate, and payment of the required fee, the Clerk shall issue a permit.

123.07 SPECIAL PERMIT ISSUED.

In the event the applicant will be moving a structure which measures 28 feet or higher, which move would affect the 12,400 volt system of the City, the applicant shall be required to obtain a special permit, to be issued by the Council. The Council shall not issue said permit unless the applicant has provided certification, to the Council, that notice has been given, in writing, by the applicant, to every owner of any building or business which may be affected by the move. These requirements shall be in addition to other provisions of this chapter.

1. Before a permit required by this section is issued, the applicant shall obtain and furnish to the City a certificate of insurance for commercial general liability with minimum limits of \$ 2,000,000/\$2,000,000 bodily injury and \$2,000,000 property damage. This coverage is to protect for losses while the building to be moved is on the lot and not physically in the street, being pulled.

2. The applicant shall also furnish to the City a business automobile insurance certificate with minimum limits of \$2,000,000/\$2,000,000 bodily injury and \$2,000,000 property damage. This coverage shall include the vehicle pulling the trailer and trailer with load, to protect for losses while the unit is being moved on the public streets and/or highways.

3. The insurance policies shall name the City as an additional named insured and shall provide that the policy cannot be revoked, canceled, or modified in any way until the City has been notified by certified mail at least ten days prior to the proposed action.

The holder of the special permit shall be solely responsible for any and all damages that may occur as a result of any interruption in the 12,400 volt system which may occur as a result of said move.

123.08 PUBLIC SAFETY.

At all times when a building or similar structure is in motion upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public property, the permittee shall maintain flag persons at the closest intersections or other possible channels of traffic to the sides, behind and ahead of the building or structure. At all times when the building or structure is at rest upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public property the permittee shall maintain adequate warning signs or lights at the intersections or channels of traffic to the sides, behind and ahead of the building or structure.

123.09 TIME LIMIT.

No house mover shall permit or allow a building or similar structure to remain upon any street or other public way for a period of more than 12 hours without having first secured the written approval of the City.

123.10 REMOVAL BY CITY.

In the event any building or similar structure is found to be in violation of Section 123.09, the City is authorized to remove such building or structure and assess the costs thereof against the permit holder and the surety on the permit holder's bond.

123.11 PROTECT PAVEMENT AND/OR BRIDGES.

It is unlawful to move any house or building of any kind over any pavement or bridge, unless the wheels or rollers upon which the house or building is moved are at least one inch in width for each 1,000 pounds of weight of such building. If there is any question as to the weight of a house or building, the estimate of the City as to such weight shall be final.

123.12 OVERHEAD WIRES.

The holder of any permit to move a building shall be responsible for the removal of any overhead wires and poles when said removal is necessary, and also shall be responsible for the replacement of the same in good order. Advance notice of a minimum of 24 hours shall be given by the holder of the permit to the owner of any overhead wires for the removal of said wires. The owner of said wires may either cause said removal or direct the removal and replacing of said wires and the holder of the permit shall be solely liable for the payment of the reasonable costs thereof.

1.15 FINES AND FEES SCHEDULE.

Code Section	Code Title	Penalty
1.14	Standard Penalty	At least \$65.00 but not to exceed \$625.00
4.03	Penalties	Standard Civil Penalties: First offense - not to exceed \$750.00 Each repeat offense - not to exceed \$1,000.00 Special Civil Penalties: Noncompliance with a pretreatment standard or requirement - not to exceed \$1,000.00 per day a violation exists or continues Environmental violation - not more than \$1,000.00 for each occurrence
40.07	Excessive Noise from Motor Vehicle	First offense - \$25.00 Second offense - \$50.00 Third offense or more - \$100.00
41.14(5)	Fireworks Use	At least \$250.00
55.06	Animals at Large	First offense - \$25.00 Second offense - \$75.00 Third offense - \$125.00 Offenses thereafter - \$175.00
70.03	Parking Violations: Alternative	Improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit - \$200.00 Other Parking Violations - \$15.00, increased by \$10.00 if not paid within 30 days
80.05	Fees for Impoundment	\$5.00 for each day within the reclaiming period
90.06	Fee for Permit and Connection Charge	Schedule of Connection Charges: <u>Service Line Size</u> <u>Connection Charges</u> 1¼ inch or less \$ 250.00 1½ inch \$ 265.00 2 inch \$ 475.00 3 inch \$ 1,000.00 4 inch and over \$ 1,500.00
91.06	Remote Meter Readers	Replacement prior to scheduled replacement - \$25.00
91.09	Service Calls and Tests	\$25.00 deposit for all water meter service calls and/or water meter calibration checks
92.01	Service Charge	Surcharge of \$4.00 for every hookup
92.02	Rates for Service	\$2.48 per 1,000 gallons used per month, plus the following additional charges: <u>Water Meter Tap Size</u> <u>Additional Charges</u> ¾ inch - 5/8 inch \$ 1.00 1 inch \$ 4.00 1½ inch \$ 5.00 2 inch \$ 7.50 3 inch \$ 12.00 4 inch \$ 15.00 6 inch \$ 25.00
92.08	Temporary Vacancy	\$30.00 disconnect fee at the time vacancy begins \$30.00 reconnect fee at the time vacancy ends.
96.02	Connection Charge	\$250.00 to cover the cover the cost of supervising, regulating, and inspecting the sewer connection work, and a Romac saddle and sleeve plus the labor cost to install and connect
99.05	Charges Based on Usage	Residential Contributors: Minimum charge of \$9.50 per month, and A user/flow charge of \$5.78 per 1,000 gallons of metered water Industrial Contributors:

		Minimum charge of \$9.50 per month, and \$2.13 per 1,000 gallons of metered wastewater, plus \$.281 per pound BOD discharged \$.523 per pound TSS unit discharge \$2.81 per pound ammonia - with a threshold of 25 mg/l The above rates include costs for operation and maintenance including replacement and the sum of \$2.44 per contributor for debt retirement
106.07	Collector's License	\$30.00 license fee
110.14	Franchise Fee	Franchise fee upon the following revenue classes for the length of the agreement: Residential Customers - 5% Nonresidential Customers - 5%
121.04	Fees: Retail Cigarette or Tobacco Permit	<u>For Permits Granted During</u> Fee July, August or September \$75.00 October, November or December \$56.25 January, February or March \$37.50 April, May or June \$18.75
121.07	Persons Under Legal Age	First violation - \$300.00 Second violation - \$1,500.00 or permit suspension for 30 days Third violation - \$1,500.00 and permit suspension for 30 days Fourth violation - \$1,500.00 and permit suspension for 60 days
122.04	Application for License	\$25.00 application fee
122.05	License Fees	Fees for the issuance of a peddler or solicitor license: For one day \$ 75.00 For seven consecutive days \$ 175.00 For up to 30 consecutive days \$ 250.00 For 365 consecutive days or major part thereof \$ 350.00
123.03	Application and Fee for Permit	\$100.00 for a house movers permit fee
125.12	License Fees	Electrical Contractor - \$75.00 annually Journeyman Electrician - \$20.00 annually
126.08	License Fees	First taxicab license to any one owner, \$50.00 Each additional license to the same owner, \$25.00
126.10	Driver's License Fee	\$25.00 for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license
136.03	Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations	Minimum charge of \$50.00 per occurrence for removal by the City
147.40	Occupancy Permit	\$50.00 application fee for the occupancy permit
175.11	Submission, Referral and Review of Preliminary Plat	\$10.00 fee per lot
175.17	Submission and Referral of Final Plat	\$10.00 fee per lot
175.49	Enforcement, Violations and Penalties	\$50.00 for each lot and part of lot sold or disposed of, leased or offered for sale.

APPLICATION FOR MOVING PERMIT

Permit No. _____ Date _____

Owner _____ Address _____

Mover _____ Address _____

House Address _____ Lot _____ Block _____ Addition _____

New Address _____ Lot _____ Block _____ Addition _____

Starting date _____ Hour _____ Completion date _____ Hour _____

Length _____ Width _____ Height _____ Loaded Height _____

Moving Route _____

Street Surface Type _____

Street Width _____

Electric Lines Clearance _____

Telephone Lines Clearance _____

Sidewalks To Be Replaced If Damaged _____

Trees Clearance _____

I, _____ make application to move the house or building herein, described. I agree to conform with the requirements of the House Movers Ordinance No. 123 of the Municipal Code of Independence, Iowa, Revise 2011

Signed _____ APPROVAL

We, the authorized agents for the City of Independence, Iowa, do hereby approve this permit.

DR. OF PUBLIC WORKS DATE _____ DATE _____
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER _____ DATE _____
ONE CALL - 1-800-292-8989 Confirmation Number _____ DATE _____
BUILDING OFFICIAL _____ DATE _____
POLICE CHIEF _____ DATE _____
TCI _____ DATE _____

PERMIT FEE: \$100.00 (Must Accompany Application)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

During movement under permit, the permit holder must meet the terms and conditions of the permit and must take all reasonable precautions to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the traveling public and adjacent property owners. Permit issuing authorities will not be responsible for any damages that are the result of the move. Movement shall be made only when roads are clear of ice and snow, and visibility is at least one-quarter mile. A copy of a current certificate of public liability insurance in the amounts of \$100,000 bodily injury each person, \$200,000 bodily injury each occurrence and \$50,000 property damage must be carried in the vehicle.

Nothing in the permit, except as specifically noted, shall exempt the permit holder from compliance with any load limitations which have been or might be established on any bridge or road that is posted with embargo signs.

The permit and any revisions will be void if the actual weights or dimensions exceed what was indicated on the permit or its revisions. The permit and any revisions will be void if the total combined weight of the vehicle and load is 80,000 lbs. or more and the axle weights exceed those provided in Iowa Code Section 321.A63.

No vehicle, combinations of vehicles, or vehicles with loads that exceed legal weights and dimensions may be moved on Iowa highways without a permit.

Permits can be issued only for loads that are a single article that cannot be reasonably broken down to make it legal in size and weight.

The permit must be carried in the cab of the vehicle for which the permit has been issued and must be made available for inspection at all times. The vehicle that the permit has been issued for shall be open to inspection by any peace officer or to any authorized agent of any permit granting authority.

Movement is allowed only from sunrise to sunset unless it is determined by the issuing authority that the move can be made, more safely at another time because of the traffic-volume conditions. Movement is allowed seven days a week except for designated holidays and for special events when abnormally high traffic counts can be expected. The designated holidays are: Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. No movement will be allowed on these holidays or after 12 o'clock noon on days preceding these holidays and holiday weekends which include holidays that fall on Monday, except as provided for in Section 321.A57 of the Code.

The permit holder shall not exceed the speed limits specified by the permit.

Each vehicle and load exceeding the length, width and height provisions of Iowa Code sections 321.A54, 321.456, and 321.457 must display warning devices as stated in Iowa Administrative Code Subrule 820--(07, F)2.3(3).