

## Statutes Affecting TxDOT Motor Carrier Division Activities

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Grocery, Farm Products and Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gas on State roads	Texas Transportation Code §621.102(g)	Allows vehicles making deliveries of groceries, farm products and liquefied petroleum (LP) gas to exceed maximum-posted limits on state farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads and bridges.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
Garbage Collection Vehicles, Garbage Recyclable Collection Vehicle	Texas Transportation Code §621.206(b)	Allows vehicles with front-end loading attachments or containers actively engaged in collecting garbage, rubbish, or recycled material to exceed the 3 feet front extension (overhang).	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
Miscellaneous motor vehicle extended length limits	Texas Transportation Code §621.2061	Allows certain motor vehicles with a trailer to carry a load that extends more than 4 feet beyond the rear of the trailer, if the load is a motor vehicle designed and intended to be used to load or unload a commodity on or off the trailer. However, rear extension cannot exceed 7 feet.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
Grocery and Farm Products on County roads	Texas Transportation Code §621.302  Formerly TVCS 6701d-11 Sec 5 ½	Allows vehicles making deliveries of groceries and farm products to exceed maximum posted limits on county roads and bridges set by a Commissioners Court. Unlike §602.102(g), LP gas is not permitted on county roads and bridges with posted limits.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
Ready Mix Concrete Trucks Concrete Pump Trucks	Texas Transportation Code §§622.011-622.017  Formerly TVCS 6701d-12	Allows vehicles transporting ready-mixed concrete or concrete pump trucks to operate with tandem axle weights up to 46,000 lbs., a single axle up to 23,000 lbs., and a gross weight up to 69,000 lbs. Excludes travel on Interstate and Defense highways. Vehicles may not exceed load-zoned road or bridge postings.	No permit or fee required	A bond amount not to exceed \$15,000 per vehicle will be set by the department. This bond must be filed with TxDOT.  An additional bond requirement may be imposed by counties or municipalities.	No Fees
Milk Trucks	Texas Transportation Code §§622.031-622.032  Formerly TVCS 6701d-12a	Allows vehicles used exclusively for transporting milk to operate on a public highway if the load carried on any group of axles does not exceed 68,000 lbs. and where the distance between the forward tandem axle and rear tandem axle is 28 feet or more. Excludes travel on Interstate and Defense highways.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees

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<b>Poles, Piling and Unrefined Timber, Raw Wood Products</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§622.041-622.045</b>  Formerly TVCS 67 6701d-19a O1d-13	Allows poles, piling or unrefined timber to be transported from the point where the timber is felled to a wood processing mill. Combined length of vehicle and load cannot exceed 90 feet and the distance traveled does not exceed 125 miles. Such vehicles are exempt from the 4 foot rear extension limitations provided in §621.206(a). Vehicles transporting raw wood products may not exceed load-zoned bridge postings. A vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting raw wood products that has an outer bridge of 39 feet or more may have a maximum gross weight of 80,000 lbs. Excludes travel on Interstate and Defense highways. Movement during daytime hours only.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
<b>Electric Power Transmission Poles</b>  <b>* Annual Permit</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§622.051– 622.053</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-14	Allows the issuance of an annual permit for the transport of poles required for the maintenance of electric power transmission/distribution lines. Combined length of vehicle and load cannot exceed 75 feet. Movement during daytime hours only unless the vehicle is being operated to prevent interruption or impairment of electric service or to restore electric service that has been interrupted. Speed not to exceed 55mph. Statute also contains lighting requirements.	\$120	Must be registered as a Motor Carrier with TxDMV or file a \$10,000 surety bond with TxDOT.	Fees to GR
<b>Vehicles Transporting Poles or Pipes</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§622.061– 622.063</b>	Allows that poles or pipes may be transported, provided the length of the vehicle and load does not exceed 65 feet, including the load. Movement during daytime hours only. Statute also contains lighting requirements.	No permit required	No bond required	No Fees
<b>Cotton Vehicles With size exceptions</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§622.101</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-11 Sec 3B	Vehicles transporting chile pepper modules, seed cotton modules, cotton, cotton burrs or equipment used in transporting or processing of chile pepper modules or cotton may be up to 10' wide, 48' long, and 14'6" high. However, they may not travel on highways that have a designated width limit of 8 feet set by §621.202. Vehicles must be registered under §504.505	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees

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<b>Recyclable Materials</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §§622.131-622.136</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-19c	Allows vehicles transporting recyclable materials to operate on public highways, excluding the Interstate and Defense highways, with a tandem axle not to exceed 44,000 lbs., a single axle not to exceed 21,000 lbs., and a gross load not to exceed 64,000 lbs. This exclusion only applies to the tandem weight, not the single axle weight; bond filing is for those with tandem weight in excess of 34,000 lbs. Vehicles may not exceed load-zoned road or bridge postings.	No permit or fee required	A bond amount not to exceed \$15,000 per vehicle will be set by the department. This bond must be filed with TxDOT.	No Fees
<b>Miscellaneous width exceptions</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §622.901</b>	Allows an exemption for certain misc. vehicles, such as highway building or maintenance machinery; vehicle owned or operated by a public, private, or volunteer fire department; recreation vehicle; vehicle registered under 502.164; farm tractors or implements of husbandry; water well drilling machinery, etc, that are over legal width, as provided by §621.201, to travel during daylight hours on public highways, Travel on highways part of national system of interstate and defense highways is limited to 50 miles.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
<b>Miscellaneous length exceptions</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §622.902</b>	Allows an exemption from the length requirements of §§621.203-621.205 for certain misc. vehicles, such as, water well drilling machinery, fire department vehicles, vehicles operated by a municipality exclusively in the territory of a municipality; combination vehicle used exclusively to transport commodity in the construction, operation and maintenance of pipelines used for discovery, production and processing of natural gas or petroleum; and combination of tow truck and other vehicle that was abandoned on a highway and towed directly to nearest place of repair or terminal/destination.  Drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporters and vehicles used to transport a combine used in farm custom harvesting operations on a farm cannot exceed 75 feet in length.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
<b>Width Limitations for Certain Recreational Vehicles</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §622.903</b>	A recreational vehicle may exceed a width limitation established by 621.201 or 621.202 if the excess width is attributable to an appurtenance that extends six inches or less beyond a fender on one or both sides of the vehicle.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees

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<b>Fire Department vehicles</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §622.952</b>	Allows public, private, or volunteer fire department vehicles an exemption to weight limitations of §621.101. However, the weight of the fire department vehicles cannot exceed the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight capacity or axle design rating.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
<b>Seed Cotton and Chile Pepper Modules with weight exceptions</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §622.953</b>	Single vehicles used exclusively to transport seed cotton modules may not exceed 64,000 lbs.  Single vehicles used exclusively to transport chile pepper modules may not exceed 54,000 lbs.	No permit or fee required	No bond required	No Fees
<b>Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance</b>  <b>HB2060 /HB1547</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §§623.011-623.019</b> (excluding §623.017)  Formerly TVCS 6701d-11, Sec 5B	Allows issuance of an annual permit to vehicles hauling loads that can be reasonably dismantled to exceed gross weight and axle tolerances. Allows for travel on state and county roads, excluding Interstate and Defense highways. Additionally, these vehicles may not exceed load-zoned road or bridge postings.	\$75 base fee \$ 5 administration fee plus the following sliding scale fee based on # of counties selected:  1 – 5 counties      \$175 6 – 20 counties    \$250 21 – 40 counties    \$450 41 – 60 counties    \$625 61 – 80 counties    \$800 81 – 100 counties   \$900 101 – 254 counties \$1,000	For commodities not defined by §623.012(a) as agricultural, a bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$15,000 must be filed with TxDOT.	\$50 of base fee distributed to GR; \$25 of base fee to HWY Fund. \$5 admin fee to HWY Fund.  Sliding scale fee: 1-5: \$125 to GR & \$50 to HWY 6-20: \$125 to GR & \$125 to HWY 21-40: \$345 to GR & \$105 to HWY 41-60: \$545 to GR & \$60 to HWY 61-80: \$785 to GR & \$15 to HWY 81-100: all to GR 101-254: all to GR
<b>Annual Hay Permit</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §623.017</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-11 Sec 3(a)(3)(B)	Allows issuance of an annual permit for the transport of cylindrically shaped bales of hay that exceed legal width, but do not exceed 12 feet.	\$10	No bond required	Fees to HWY Fund
<b>Highway Crossings</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §623.051</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d -11 Sec 5 1/3	Allows certain vehicles that do not comply with Subchapter C of Chapter 621 or §621.101 to be moved across the width of any road or a highway from private property to other private property, other than a controlled access highway defined by Section 203.001.	No permit or fee required	Agreement and surety bond required	No Fees

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Highway Crossings	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§623.052</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d -11 Sec 5 2/3	Allows crossing of a highway for a licensed vehicle weighing 110,000 pounds or less transporting grain, sand, or another commodity or product OR for an unlicensed vehicle at legal weight transporting sand, gravel, stone, rock, caliche, or similar commodity	No permit or fee required	Agreement and surety bond required.	No Fees
General OS/OW Permits	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.071- 623.082</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701a	The basic permit law provides for the movement of oversize/overweight loads that cannot be reasonably dismantled; cylindrically shaped bales of hay; annual implements of husbandry by a dealer; water well drilling machinery / equipment or harvesting equipment being moved as part of an agricultural operation and Annual Envelope permit. This law does allow for the issuance of oil field drill pipe or drill collars stored in a pipe box that are overweight to be transported over farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads.	\$60 Single Trip Additional fee for over 80,000 lbs. (single trip only)  Highway Maintenance fees: 80,001 – 120,000 - \$150 120,001 – 160,000 - \$225 160,001 – 200,000 - \$300 200,001 – above - \$375  \$120 - 30 day \$180 - 60 day \$240 - 90 day Annual Implement of Husbandry \$270 Annual Water Well Drilling Machinery & Equipment - \$270  \$4,000 Annual Envelope (This fee determined by rule. Statute provides for a max of \$7,000)	Must be registered as a Motor Carrier with TxDMV or file a \$10,000 surety bond with TxDOT.	\$30 of fee goes to GR and \$30 goes to HWY Fund. Fees for over 80,000 lbs. to HWY Fund.  Half of 30-, 60-., 90-day, Annual Implement of Husbandry and Water Well Drilling Machinery permit fees go to GR and half goes to HWY Fund.  Annual permits: \$1,000 to GR \$3,000 to HWY
Manufactured Housing	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.091- 623.104</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701½	Allows issuance of single trip or annual permits for the movement of manufactured housing.  Annual permit only allows for transportation of new manufactured homes from a manufacturing facility to a temporary storage location not to exceed 20 miles from the point of manufacture.	\$40 - Single Trip	Must be registered as a Motor Carrier with TxDMV or licensed by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) or moving as the home owner.	\$19.70 to GR and \$20.30 to HWY Fund
			\$1,500 – Annual (This fee determined by rule. Statute provides for a max of \$3,000)		All to GR
Portable Building Units and Compatible Cargo	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.121- 623.129</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701a-2	Allows issuance of single trip permits for the movement of portable buildings and compatible cargo that do not exceed 14 feet in height or 80 feet in length.	\$15	No bond required.	\$7.50 to GR and \$7.50 to HWY Fund

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<b>Oil Well Servicing Units and Oil Well Drilling Rigs</b>  <b>Single Trips and Quarterly Permits</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.141 - 623.150</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-16	Allows issuance of single trip and time permits for the movement of oil well servicing and drilling vehicles.	Fees are set by administrative rule and are based on width, weight and distance traveled.  Annual - \$52 per axle	Units with "Machinery" or 72/144 temporary registration are required to have a \$10,000 surety bond on file with TxDOT unless a single trip mileage or Hub permit is purchased.	All fees to HWY Fund
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.161– 623.165</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-19a	Allows vehicles transporting solid waste to operate on public highways, excluding Interstate and Defense highways, with a tandem axle not to exceed 44,000 lbs., a single axle not to exceed 21,000 lbs., and a gross load not to exceed 64,000 lbs.	No permit or fee required	A bond amount not to exceed \$15,000 per vehicle will be set by the department. This bond must be filed with TxDOT.	No fees
<b>Mobile Cranes</b>  <b>Annual Permit</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.181- 623.182</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-18	Allows issuance of annual permits for the movement of unladen lift equipment motor vehicles.	Annual - \$100	Must file a \$10,000 surety bond with TxDOT.	\$50 to GR and \$50 to HWY Fund
<b>Mobile Cranes</b>  <b>Single Trip and Quarterly Permits</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.191 - 623.200</b>  Formerly TVCS 6701d-19b	Allows issuance of single trip and time permits for the movement of unladen lift equipment motor vehicles (motor cranes).	Fees are set by administrative rule and are based on width, weight and distance traveled	Units with "Machinery" or 72/144 temporary registration are required to have a \$10,000 surety bond on file with TxDOT unless a single trip mileage or Hub permit is purchased.	All fees to HWY Fund
<b>Port Authority Permits</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code</b> <b>§§623.210– 623.219</b>	Provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on state highways located in counties contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf and bordering the United Mexican States. Gross weight may not exceed 125,000 lbs.	Fees set by port authority, not to exceed \$80.	No bond required.	85% of fees to HWY Fund 15% of fees to the issuing port authority
<b>Victoria County Navigation District Permits</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §§623.230-623.239</b>	Provides an optional procedure for issuance of permits by the Victoria County Navigation District for movement of oversize/overweight vehicles traveling state highways in Victoria county. Gross weight may not exceed 125,000 lbs. Speed not to exceed 55mph or posted, whichever is less.  Only for travel to and from the Victoria Barge Canal using Farm-to-Market Road 1432.	Fees set by district, not to exceed \$80.	No bond required.	85% of fees to HWY Fund 15% of fees to Victoria County Navigation District

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<b>Chambers County Permits</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §§623.250-623.259</b>	Provides an optional procedure for issuance of permits by Chambers County for movement of oversize/overweight vehicles traveling state highways in Chambers County. Speed not to exceed 55mph or posted, whichever is less. Gross weight not to exceed 100,000 lbs.  Only for travel on Farm-to-Market 1405 between Farm-to-Market 2354 and Farm-to-Market 565; the frontage road of State Highway 99 in the Cedar Crossing Business Park; Farm-to-Market 565 from Farm-to-Market 1405 east approx. 6,200 linear feet to western end of pipeline easement; Farm-to-Market 2354 from Farm-to-Market 1405 northwest approx. 300 linear feet to end of state maintenance.	Fees set by county, not to exceed \$80.	No bond required.	85% of fees to HWY Fund 15% of fees to Chambers County
<b>Administrative Enforcement of Size and Weight Provisions.</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §§623.271-623.274</b>	Provides for the administrative enforcement of Chapters 623, 622, and 621; provides for penalties.	N/A	N/A	Penalties to GR
<b>Port of Corpus Christi Authority Roadway Permits</b>	<b>Texas Transportation Code §§623.280-623.288</b>	Provides an optional procedure for issuance of permits by Port of Corpus Christi Authority for movement of oversize/overweight vehicles traveling a roadway owned and maintained by Port of Corpus Christi Authority. Speed not to exceed 55mph or posted, whichever is less.	Fee set by port authority, not to exceed \$80.	No bond required.	All fees to port authority.