

CHAPTER 123

HOUSE MOVERS

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123.01 DEFINITIONS. Terms used in this section have the following meanings.

1. “House mover” means any person who engages in the business or work of house moving within the City.
2. “Housing moving” means the moving of any house, building, structure, or any part or parts thereof, except structures or parts of structures less than twelve (12) feet wide and less than twelve (12) feet high mounted, from one location to another when the moving of such house, building, structure or part or parts of structures requires traveling upon, across, along or over any street, alley, sidewalk or other public ground in the City.

123.02 PERMIT. No person shall do any house moving without first obtaining a permit from the City.

123.03 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. Any person desiring a house moving permit shall file an application in the office of the Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the work. Such application shall contain:

1. The date and time of moving the house, structure or building.
2. A detailed statement setting forth the proposed route to be followed in moving the structure, the equipment to be used and specifying the person in charge of the moving operation.
3. The location of the premises to which the structure is to be moved and the corporate zoning classification.
4. The name of the owner of the structure and the name of the owner of the premises to which it is being moved, showing that the applicant is entitled to move the house.
5. A plot plan of the location to which the structure is to be moved, showing the exact proposed location of the structure, the boundaries of the lot upon which the structure is to be placed, and the dimensions of the lot.

6. A statement showing the maximum length and width including eaves and loaded height of the structure to be moved.
7. An agreement that the house mover shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claim or damages for injuries to persons or property resulting from the moving of the structure for which the permit is requested.
8. An agreement that the applicant shall immediately report any damage done by the moving operation to any street, sidewalk, alley, curb, tree or other public property and that the applicant will upon demand pay to the City the cost of repair occasioned by the damage.
9. The applicant shall file with the application the consent of the power and light company and the telephone company to use the proposed route.

The fee for a house moving permit shall be as stated in the Building Code.

123.04 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT. Upon the filing of the application with required consents and insurance certificate and payment of the fee, before and upon the approval of the City Building Inspector, City Forester, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Engineer, and City Manager, a house moving permit shall be issued by the City.

123.05 RESTRICTIONS. A permit may be restricted where, in the judgment of the City Manager, the moving operations would create undue traffic congestion or hazards; the City Manager may require police escorts or temporary removal of traffic control devices for the moving operations, or the City Manager may restrict or specify the hours during which the moving operation must be accomplished. The cost of these requirements shall be borne by the house mover.

123.06 DISPLAY OF PERMIT. The City permit shall be plainly displayed at all times on the front of the structure.

123.07 INSURANCE. Before any permit for house moving work shall be issued by the City, the house mover shall have filed with the City a Certificate of Insurance, written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Iowa. The Certificate of Insurance shall be in limits of not less than \$250,000 liability for personal injury to any one person, and not less than \$500,000 liability for personal injury to more than one person for any single occurrence, and not less than \$500,000 liability for property damage. The certificate shall be written on a standard form carrying an endorsement naming the City and its employees as additional insured as its interest may appear and conditioned upon the faithful performance of all duties required of such house mover by this chapter. It shall be a further condition of the Certificate of Insurance that the obligator will hold the City harmless from any and all damages sustained by reason of neglect or incompetence on the part of the house mover, the house mover's agents or employees in the performance of the work done, or any negligent guarding of hazardous areas or by reason of any other cause growing out of the negligence or carelessness of

such house mover, the house mover's agents or employees, or the issuance of the permit. The Certificate of Insurance shall not expire prior to the completion of the work under the house moving permit. No permit for house moving work shall be valid if the Certificate of Insurance has expired or been terminated for any reason unless renewal or replacement coverage is provided. It is the intent and purpose of the Certificate of Insurance also to cover the individual, company, firm, association, corporation or partnership with which the house mover is associated.

123.08 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 flagmen at the closest intersections or other possible channels of traffic ahead, to the sides and behind 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 place barricades and maintain adequate warning signs or flares at the intersections or channels of traffic ahead, to the sides and behind the building or structure.

123.09 EQUIPMENT. All equipment used in the moving operation must be equipped with adequate warning flares and lights. The house mover shall at all times comply with the provisions of the statutes of the State of Iowa pertaining to wheel loadings. The house mover shall not use any equipment which travels upon the streets, alleys, sidewalk, or other-public grounds that is not equipped with rubber tires.

123.10 SEWER CONNECTIONS. The building sewer shall be disconnected from the public sewer at the property line and the portion of the sewer running to the public sewer shall be sealed watertight. This work shall be done in the presence of the City Sewer Inspector.

123.11 CURB PROTECTION. The house mover shall protect the curbing from damage when loads pass over the curb. In the event that the curbs are damaged, the house mover shall be responsible for repairing the curb to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

123.12 UTILITIES CONNECTIONS. Arrangements shall be made with all concerned utility companies to have their utilities disconnected from the building to be moved.

123.13 REPORT. The house mover shall report any damage done to any street, alley, sidewalk, curb, tree, telephone or light poles or wires, or to any other public or private property, except property owned by the house mover of the structure being moved, to the City Manager within twelve (12) hours and after the occurrence.

123.14 DAMAGES. The house mover shall upon demand pay any damages resulting from any injury to any person or property, which injury is required to be reported to the

City Manager under Section 123.13 of this chapter. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the house mover from contesting any claim in good faith in any court.