

**CHAPTER 47****HOUSE MOVERS**

**47.01 HOUSE MOVER DEFINED.** A "house mover" means any person who undertakes to move a building or similar structure upon, over or across the public streets, alleys, walks or property using skids, jacks, dollies or any method other than upon a properly licensed motor vehicle.

**47.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.** It shall be 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.

**47.03 APPLICATION.** 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, Superintendent of Public Works and public utility officials. The route approved shall be the shortest route compatible with the greatest public convenience and safety.

**47.04 BOND REQUIRED.** The applicant shall post with the Clerk a penal bond in the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars issued by a surety company authorized to issue such bonds in the State of Iowa. 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.

**47.05 INSURANCE REQUIRED.** Each applicant shall also have filed a certificate of insurance indicating that the applicant is carrying public liability insurance in effect for the duration of the permit covering the applicant and the applicant's agents and employees for the following minimum amounts:

1. Bodily Injury - \$250,000.00 per person; \$1,000,000.00 per accident.
2. Property Damage - \$50,000.00 per accident.

47.06 PERMIT FEE. A permit fee shall be payable at the time of filing the application with the Clerk. A separate permit shall be required for each house, building or similar structure to be moved.

All permit fees under this Chapter shall be fixed and determined by the Council, adopted by resolution, and uniformly enforced. Such permit fee, may from time-to-time, be amended by the Council by resolution. A copy of the resolution setting forth the currently effective permit fee shall be kept on file in the office of the City Administrator, and be open to inspection during regular business hours.

47.07 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.

47.08 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 provide persons holding flags and similar warning signs 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 flares at the intersections or channels of traffic to the sides, behind, and ahead of the building or structure.

47.09 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 twelve (12) hours without having first secured the written approval of the City.

47.10 REMOVAL BY CITY. In the event any building or similar structure is found to be in violation of Section 47.09 of this Chapter, the City is authorized to remove such building or structure and assess the costs thereof against the permittee and the surety on permittee's bond.

47.11 PROTECT PAVEMENT. It shall be unlawful to move any house or building of any kind over any pavement, unless the wheels or rollers upon which the house or building is moved shall be at least one inch in width for each one thousand (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 Engineer or Mayor as to such weight shall be final and binding.

47.12 WIRES. The permittee shall see that all telephone, telegraph and electric wires and poles are removed when necessary and replaced in good order, and shall be liable for the costs of the same. The permittee shall give twenty-four (24) hours notice to the owner of any telephone, telegraph or electric wires to remove such wires and the owner of such wires may either remove or direct the removal and replacing of such wires, and the permittee shall pay the reasonable costs thereof.