



DDOT Truck & Motor Carrier Procedure

Parking

DDOT may consider temporarily reserving curbside space for truck parking based on specific circumstances (for example; moving trucks). Requests for reservation of public space can be made through DDOT's Transportation Online Permitting System ([TOPS](#)).

Routing

DDOT has identified a comprehensive network of routes that have the infrastructure to support commercial vehicle travel, provide connection to key activity centers for trucks and minimize community impacts. The goal of this effort is to improve the management and monitoring of truck traffic in the city under a single, comprehensive regulatory system.

Specific routes have been designated as part of the truck and bus route system based on a variety of factors, including engineering characteristics, roadway classifications, planner review, industry feedback, community feedback, land use, traffic volume data, safety data, commercial and logistical needs and field observations. Routes that are classified as part of the Interstate, National Highway System and, or, National Network were included in the route system as mandated by Federal regulations. Furthermore, efforts were also made to incorporate Federal, Virginia, and Maryland truck route systems to provide connectivity to the District's system. Whenever a direct incorporation of routes was not possible, an alternative accommodation intended to mitigate negative impacts was sought to ensure a functional and efficient regional transportation network.

Permitting

Over Size/Over Weight Permits

DDOT issues permits for vehicles that operate outside of the District's standard size and weight regulations including single haul permits and annual tags. The types of permits and tags DDOT issues cover those types that have the most adverse effect on the District's transportation infrastructure, such as dump trucks and tower cranes, and those that have special routing requirements, such as over-width and over-height vehicles. The District allows 21,000 pounds for single axles and 34,000 pounds for tandem axles. Tractor trailers are allowed 80,000 pounds gross vehicle weight prior to requiring the issuance of a permit. A chart showing the standard allowances based on the number of axles is available in [Title 18, Chapter 25](#) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

DDOT permits can be obtained through the Transportation Online Permitting System ([TOPS](#)). The type of permit or tag a trucking company or other commercial vehicle operator applies for will depend on the frequency of trips within the District and the particular characteristics of the load carried.



Single Haul Permits

Single haul permits are issued for specific loads brought to or carried from particular locations inside the District. DDOT also offers single haul permits for commercial vehicles operating within the District that do not meet the requirements to warrant an annual tag. Among the most common uses of single haul permits are deliveries for special construction.

A single haul permit indicates the nature of the over-dimension trip (inbound outbound, oversized both on entry and exit, or entirely internal to the District). The fee is \$30 for a trip being oversized only for entry or exit to the District. The fee is \$50 when a vehicle's land load will be oversized both coming into and exiting the District.

Annual Tags

Annual permits and tags are issued for vehicles that operate in the District on a regular basis. The following rates and restrictions apply to oversize and overweight vehicles applying for annual tags in the District.

Annual permits for tractor trailers cost \$85.00 per year. However, a single haul permit will be required instead of an annual tag if: total length (including tractor, trailer, and load) is over 70 feet long; total height (including load) is over 13 feet – 6 inches tall; total width (including load)

All permits relating to truck use of the public space are processed by the DDOT Public Space Permit Office or through the Transportation Online Permitting System ([TOPS](#)) webpage.

A list of frequently asked questions related to permitting for Oversize and Overweight vehicles can be found [here](#).

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administers all permitting associated with the [International Registration Plan](#) (IRP) which includes [Trip Permits](#) for trucks operating in the District that are not apportioned under the IRP. More information is available on the [DMV webpage](#).

Restrictions

All requests for the restriction of trucks on a specific roadway are processed by the Motor Carrier Team in the Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration (PPSA) within DDOT. Residents must complete the Truck and Bus Restriction Request Form (document available in P-Drive folder) which will then be reviewed by the Motor Carrier Team and either approved or denied.



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