



Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

Subject: Overheight Park Trailers

Date: December 2, 2002

Policy: TPPM 2002-05 (Revised)

Objectives

This policy will:

- Eliminate the height limit for park trailers
- Revise TPPM 2000-8 to conform to the Assembly Bill 1541-2001.
- Update Sections 201.55 and 1016.1 of the Transportation Permits Manual to conform to the Health and Safety Code Sections 18009.3 and 18033.
- Correct the reference to the CVC section that prohibits the issuance of park trailer permits except to transporters, or licensed manufacturers and dealers.

Existing Documentation

The following sources contain information related to this subject:

California Vehicle Code

Section 635 – Trailer Coach

A “trailer coach” is a vehicle, other than a motor vehicle, designed for human habitation or human occupancy for industrial, professional, or commercial purposes, for carrying property on its own structure, and being drawn by a motor vehicle. A “park trailer,” as described in subdivision (b) of Section 18009.3 of the Health and Safety Code, is a trailer coach.

Section 35780.3

A permit issued under Section 35780 for the movement of a park trailer, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 18009.3 of the Health and Safety Code, shall not be issued except to transporters, or licensed manufacturers and dealers.

Transportation Permits Manual (TPM)

Section 201.55 – Trailer Coach (Park Models)

Width – 12’0”

Length – Legal

Height – Legal

Weight – 6,000 lbs. Maximum per axle under towed unit.

Permits are available only to a transporter or licensed manufacturers and dealers (CVC 3790 (2) e).

Section 1016.1 (Portion) – Park Trailer

TPPM 2000-8 updated this section on November 20, 2000 to conform to Assembly Bill 1912-2000. The same changes should have been applied to Section 201.55, but were inadvertently omitted. The TPPM 2000-8 required that effective January 1, 2002, Park Trailers not exceeding 14’0” in width and without any limitation in length may be towed on State highways with appropriate transportation permit. The gross floor area shall not exceed 400 square feet and shall be measured at the maximum horizontal projection. TPPM 2000-8 needs to be revised again to conform with the Assembly Bill 1541-2001 and Health and Safety Codes 18009.3 and 18033.

Transportation Permits Manual Changes

- 1) Change Section 201.55 to read as follows:

Section 201.55 – Trailer Coach (Park Trailer)

Width – 14’0”

Length – 105’0” (80’0” maximum for trailer, including tongue)

Height – Unlimited

Gross Floor Area – 400 square feet measured at the maximum horizontal projection excluding loft area.

The combined floor area of all loft areas shall not exceed 50 percent of the total gross floor area of the unit if that loft area space meets the requirements of Section 18033 of the Health and Safety Code.

Weight – 6,000 pounds maximum per axle under towed unit.

Permits are available only to a transporter or licensed manufacturers and dealers (CVC 35780.3). See Section 1016.1 for more information regarding trailer coaches (park trailers).”

- 2) Change Section 1016.1 to read as follows:

Section 1016.1 – Park Trailer

The California Vehicle Code Section 35780.3 allows the issuance of permits under the authority of VC 35780 for the movement of “Park Trailers” (trailer coach). "Park trailer" as defined in Section 18009.3 of the Health and Safety Code, contains 400 square feet or less of gross floor area, excluding loft area space. The same Section 18009.3 also defines the Loft Area. The Loft Area must meet the requirements of Section 18033 of the Health and Safety Code and may not exceed 50% of the total gross floor area of the unit.

Park Trailers do not qualify for mobilehome exemptions and are subject to equipment requirements of the CVC. Therefore, the permits for these units shall be separate from the permits issued to move Manufactured Housing. The Park Trailer shall not be transported under a mobilehome annual.

Park Trailers are required to be manufactured on a single, non-expandable frame. Expandable units moved on their own wheel shall either move at legal width or may be hauled as a load at extra-legal width.

The following permit conditions shall apply:

- It shall not exceed 14’ feet in width at the maximum horizontal projection.
- The permit application may identify the unit as a “trailer coach”.
- The towing unit shall have a minimum unladen weight of 6,500 lbs. with dual wheels for units up to 12’ wide. The towing unit shall have a minimum unladen weight of 9,500 lbs. with dual wheels for units over 12’ wide.
- Park Trailers may not exceed legal weight.
- Axle Weights shall be 6,000 lbs. maximum per axle.

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