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Moving of Structures Requirements

- (1) Application for a moving permit required by the provisions of this article must be made not less than five days prior to moving a house or other structure. A written application shall be made to the building official and the application shall contain:
 - (a) Date and time of moving.
 - (b) Present location of structure.
 - (c) Proposed location of structure.
 - (d) Height, width and length of structure.
 - (e) The principal materials of the structure's walls, floors and roof.
 - (f) An estimate of the time required for the moving operations.
 - (g) The route over which the structure is proposed to be moved.
- (2) Each applicant for a permit shall submit with his application the following:
 - (a) A certificate of liability insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the state stating that the applicant has a valid insurance policy covering general and contractual liability in an amount of not less than \$100,000.00 for bodily injury (including death) to each person and in an amount of not less than \$300,000.00 for bodily injuries (including death) to all persons on account of one accident, and in an amount of not less than \$25,000.00 for property damage for any one person or \$50,000.00 for property damage for an aggregate resulting from any one accident; such certificate shall certify that the policy covers the contractual liability assumed by the mover in connection with the moving of structures as herein provided.
 - (b) From the owner of the property from which the structure is being moved, a surety bond of acceptable form in the amount of \$1,000.00 or a voluntary property lien on a form approved by the city granting to the city a lien in the amount of \$1,000.00 to ensure that the building or structure is removed in its entirety and the lot or other premises upon which the structure had been located is cleared and cleaned of all building materials, rubbish, or foundations and has been filled and graded to properly drain all surface water.
- (3) Approval of route:

- (a) Upon receipt of an application for a moving permit, the building official shall submit the proposed route of the move to the chiefs of the police and the fire departments and shall obtain their approval of such route.
- 4. Notice to utility companies.
 - (a) In the event the application for a moving permit shows that the structure to be moved is in excess of 18 feet in height, the building official shall notify all utility companies having overhead lines along the proposed route.
- 5. Approval of application restricted.
 - (a) The building official shall not approve any application for a moving permit until the applicant has complied with all the conditions of this article, and the building official shall not approve any application for a permit where the size of the building in relation to the proposed route creates a substantial fear of property or personal damage to private or public property.
- 6. Time restriction.
 - (a) The building official shall not approve any application for a moving permit for the movement of a house or other structure through the city except during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. Upon payment of a special fee in the amount of \$10.00, in addition to the fee set forth in section 6-30, the building official may approve an application for a permit during the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

