

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 303(D) of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) hereby submits the following Rule Impact Statement for the amendment of PERMANENT rules contained in **OAC Title 730: Ch. 50 – Size and Weight Permits.**

Brief Description of the Purpose of the Proposed Rules:

The proposed rules or changes will correct citations, update addresses for field offices, correct website information, and update phone numbers for consistency and accuracy throughout the chapter. The duplicate references to “unitized equipment” and “special mobilized machinery” were removed. Additionally, references to Turnpikes that are now designated as Interstates were updated. The proposed changes reduce the dual-lane configuration minimum from 16’ to 14’ and increase the length from 80’ to 90’ for escort requirements to be consistent with neighboring states thereby allowing for more travel through Oklahoma. The surrender of a Permit was updated from “any commissioned law enforcement officer” to “law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety” for accuracy.

Description of the classes of persons who most likely will bear the costs of the proposed rule and any information on cost impacts received by the Agency from any private or public entities:

The proposed rule changes include no fee changes; therefore, no classes of persons will bear any costs.

Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule:

The proposed rule changes will allow for more travel of oversize and overweight vehicles through Oklahoma, thereby increasing revenue in the State. They will remove the requirement for escort vehicles to accompany loads traveling through the Panhandle, which currently imposes a burden on the trucking companies and escort businesses.

Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing for all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change:

The proposed rule changes are anticipated to increase travel through Oklahoma, boost tax revenue, and support businesses located along the permitted routes. The changes will not impact any political subdivisions and contain no fee changes.

A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivision or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule:

The proposed rules will not have an economic impact on any political subdivision because it is the responsibility of the State to enforce them. Implementation of the rules will only require cooperation by State agencies.

A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act:

The proposed rule changes were reviewed, and a determination was made that the implementation of the proposed rules will have no adverse economic effect on small businesses as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

A determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety, and environment, and, if the proposed rule is designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk:

The proposed rule changes were reviewed, and a determination was made that the proposed rules will have a positive effect on public safety by dispersing traffic from higher-congested highways to less-traveled highways. The changes will have no effect on public health or the environment.

A determination of any detrimental effect on public health, safety, and the environment if the proposed rules are not implemented:

The proposed rule changes were reviewed, and a determination was made that the proposed rules will have no detrimental effect on public health, safety, and the environment if they are implemented.

Date the rule impact statement was prepared and the date modified:

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