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108.01. Permit and License Required. Subdivision 1. No person shall act as a building mover, as that phrase is defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 221.81, subd. 1a, on the public streets under the control of the City unless such person shall be licensed to do so by the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation, and has obtained a permit as required by this chapter.

Subd. 2. Exception. No permit is required for the moving of a structure of a size not more than 16 feet wide, 20 feet long and which is not more than 15 feet high when situated on a truck or moving carriage.

108.02. Contents of Application. No building shall be moved by a person until that person has obtained a permit from the council, upon written application therefore, in which shall be stated the present location of the building, the route of the moving, and the proposed new location of the same. The permit fee shall be \$100.00. If said proposed new location complies with the zoning code, the permit shall be granted. The building shall then be moved along such route and at such time as may be specified by the police department. It shall be a specific condition of each permit that the holder thereof agrees to reimburse the City its actual cost, including all labor, including preinspection and surveillance, overhead and materials, of any required temporary removal and replacement, relocation or damage to or destruction of, public property or facilities, occasioned by the building's move.

108.03. Additional Expenses; Deposit. At the time the permit is granted, the council may require as a condition of issuance that the applicant post a cash deposit with the City to cover the estimated costs to be incurred by the City as a result of the building's move. Those costs may include the estimated costs of labor, overhead, and materials, which will be expended by the City to facilitate the temporary removal and replacement, relocation, or damage to, or destruction of, public property or facilities, occasioned by the building's move.

108.04. Obstruction Prohibited. No building in process of removal shall be allowed to stand still in or on any public street or public ground in the City for more than 8 hours without written consent of the public services department; nor shall it be allowed unnecessarily to obstruct any railway or telephone, telecommunications, telegraph, or electric line, for any time whatever, without consent from an authorized agent of such railway or other line.

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108.05. Damaging of Property. No person, in the process of moving any building shall break, injure or remove any telephone, telecommunications, telegraph, electric line or pole, nor in any way injure any shade tree or other private property, without permission from the owner thereof, nor anchor in any manner to any manhole or inlet of any sewer in the City.

(302, 11/23/21; 394, 8/25/28; 451, 1/3/33; 1437, 2/19/68; 1532, 1/5/70; 1834, 3/15/76; 2023, 2/20/79; 2159, 12/13/80; 2477, 11/5/85)