

AGENDA**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Agenda Category: Consent – Land Use and Transportation (CPO All)

Agenda Title: ADOPT VEHICLE DIMENSION STANDARDS, DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE VARIANCE PERMITS AND TO IMPOSE TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS, AND REPEAL RESOLUTION AND ORDER 84-42.

Presented by: David L. Schamp, Operations Division Manager

SUMMARY:

As the local Road Authority, your Board may modify dimensional standards for vehicles pursuant to ORS Chapter 818. The Board last adopted modifications to the allowable vehicle dimensions in 1984 through Resolution and Order 84-42.

Since then, the statutes cited in Resolution & Order 84-42 have been repealed and replaced and the industry standard for, common trailer lengths has increased.

The proposed Resolution & Order accomplishes the following:

- Cites the current ORS chapter pertaining to allowable vehicle dimensions.
- Extends the allowable trailer length for truck-tractor-semitrailer combinations from 48 feet to 53 feet.
- Simplifies allowable truck configurations by emphasizing overall length rather than truck type.
- Delegates authority to the Director of the Department of Land Use and Transportation to issue variance permits and to impose temporary dimensional restrictions.

Attachments:

1. Resolution and Order
2. Exhibit A
3. Exhibit B

DEPARTMENT'S REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the attached Resolution and Order adopting vehicle dimension standards, delegating authority to issue variance permits and to impose temporary restrictions, and repealing Resolution and Order 84 – 42.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION: I concur with the requested action.

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Date:	02/07/06

1 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2 FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

3 In the Matter of Adopting Vehicle)
4 Dimensional Standards Pursuant To)
5 ORS 818.060, Delegating Authority)
6 to Issue Variance Permits And To)
7 Impose Temporary Restrictions,)
8 Repealing Resolution and Order)
9 No. 84-42, and Declaring an)
10 Effective Date.)

No. 06-22

11 This matter came before the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of
12 February 7, 2006; and

13 It appearing to the Board that state law provides dimensional standards for vehicles, but
14 that this Board, as the Road Authority for roads under its jurisdiction, may modify those standards
15 as permitted by statute; and

16 It appearing to the Board that pursuant to ORS 818.200, the County may issue variance
17 permits to vehicle dimensional standards otherwise established based on an evaluation of the
18 capability of county roads to carry vehicles of greater size; and

19 It appearing that the Department of Land Use and Transportation staff have consulted with
20 the Rural Road Operations and Maintenance Committee, other government agencies, and interest
21 groups and affected citizens, and based upon this consultation has recommended certain modified
22 maximum vehicle dimensional limits for roads under county jurisdiction, with provisions for
variance permits, and

It appearing to the Board that it is appropriate to delegate limited authority to the Director
of Land Use and Transportation to impose temporary dimensional restrictions under certain
circumstances, now therefore, it is

1 Resolved and Ordered that Exhibit 'A', attached hereto and incorporated herein, is adopted
2 and that, except where greater size dimensions are specifically allowed by this Resolution and
3 Order, dimensional standards set forth in ORS chapter 818 or by Oregon Administrative Rule shall
4 apply to all roads under the jurisdiction of Washington County; and it is further

5 Resolved and Ordered that the Director of the Department of Land Use and Transportation,
6 or the Director's designee(s), is hereby delegated authority to issue variance permits as provided by
7 law and further, that the Director or the Director's designee(s) may impose temporary dimensional
8 standards under the circumstances set forth in Exhibit 'A', and it is further

9 Resolved and Ordered that Resolution and Order No. 84-42 is repealed and this Resolution
10 and Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2006.

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12 DATED this 7th day of February 2006.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BRIAN SCHOUTEN	✓	—	—
LEEPER	✓	—	—
ROGERS	✓	—	—
DUYCK	✓	—	—

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14 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON
15 *John Leeper for*
CHAIR
16 *Barbara Hejtmancik*
17 RECORDING SECRETARY

EXHIBIT A

Resolution and Order No. 06- _____

Part I

The Washington County road system has the general capability for continuous operation of vehicles and combinations of vehicles with dimensions that comply with the dimensional limits provided in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) or the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), except as supplemented or modified as follows:

Length:

1. The maximum number of trailers in any combination of vehicles shall not exceed two, except for embarking or disembarking from an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) approved route in accordance with an ODOT approved permit.
2. The maximum allowable lengths, as listed below, are for the total length of vehicle, trailer, and load, as applicable. Such lengths are illustrated in Exhibit B, and shall not exceed the following:
 - A. Any solo vehicle – 40 feet overall
 - B. Truck trailer-trailer combination – 75 feet overall
 - C. Any two-vehicle combination – 75 feet overall
 - D. Any single-only trailer in combination with a truck-tractor – 53 feet
 - E. Any combination of vehicles that include a stinger-steered pole trailer – 75 feet overall
 - F. Any trailer in combination with a truck trailer or more than one trailer – 40 feet
 - G. Any two trailers in combination – 68 feet
 - H. Any double-trailer combination – 95 feet overall
 - I. Load – Within the allowed length stated above, the load shall not exceed the length of the trailer by more than 5 feet and shall not extend beyond the rear of the trailer by more than 5 feet. (not illustrated).

The preceding dimensions and maximums, including those in the ORS or the OAR, are subject to posted limitations, temporary restrictions, emergency situations, or road geometry.

Vehicles and combination of vehicles shall not exceed the preceding dimensions or maximums, except when operating under a variance permit issued or recognized by Washington County as provided in ORS 818.200.

Nothing herein is intended to contravene any applicable requirement of the Oregon Revised Statutes or the Oregon Administrative Rules or to alleviate any person's responsibilities for operating a motor vehicle safely and legally.

Part II

The Director of the Department of Land Use and Transportation or the Director's designee(s) may impose temporary dimensional limits beyond those specified herein after first determining that prompt action is warranted to:

- Protect a road or bridge from significant damage;
- Protect the safety of the traveling public or minimize the risk of damage to affected public or private property;

- Reduce the cost of construction or minimize disturbance to the traveling public by hastening completion of public improvements and returning the travel facility to full capacity; or
- Protect against or minimize environmental damage.

To the extent practicable, such restrictions shall be the minimum necessary.

Unless the Director or the Director's designee(s) determines that an emergency exists, any additional dimensional limitation imposed on a Countywide Through-Truck Route shall be posted for two weeks before the restriction becomes effective and in no event shall the restriction become effective prior to posting as required by law. Such restriction shall not exceed 30 days unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners, and further, that any restriction greater than seven days shall be brought to the attention of the Board at the next reasonably available Board meeting following the imposition of the restriction.

EXHIBIT B

