

CHAPTER 123

HOUSE MOVERS

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123.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to eliminate any added burden or disadvantage to any resident in the district into which a building is being moved within the City.

123.02 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this chapter, the terms “residential district” and “lakeshore residential district,” as hereinafter employed, mean the residential district and lakeshore residential district as the same are set forth in and upon the official zone map on file in the office of the Clerk, and by this reference said official zone plan map is made a part of this chapter.

123.03 PERMIT REQUIRED. It is unlawful to move a building or structure of any kind from without to within the residential district or the lakeshore residential district or from one location in the residential district or lakeshore residential district to another, without first filing plans and specifications with the Zoning Administrator, paying such fees as may be required, and securing a permit. No building or structure of any kind shall be moved into the residential district or lakeshore residential district, or from one place in such districts to another, for the purpose of using the same as a dwelling house when such moving will result in or create an added burden or disadvantage to any resident in the district, or detract from the appearance of the district. It is unlawful to move any building into, along, upon, or over any street or alley of the City, without first securing a permit therefor, in writing as hereinafter provided.

123.04 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. The person desiring to move any building over any street or alley shall file a written application with the Zoning Administrator, which application shall describe the building locations from which it is to be moved, the streets and alleys over which it is to be moved, and the location to which it is to be moved. Such application shall contain a provision that the person applying for the permit shall be liable for all damages, costs, and penalties that may be caused or for which the City may be liable in consequence of the use of any street or alley for the moving of the building.

123.05 BOND REQUIRED. The application shall post with the Clerk a penal bond in the minimum sum of \$10,000 issued by a surety company authorized to issue such bonds in the State. The bond shall guarantee the permittee’s payment for any damage done to the City of the public property, and payment of all costs incurred by the City in the course of moving the building or structure.

123.06 INSURANCE REQUIRED. Each applicant shall also file a certificate of insurance indicating that the applicant is carrying public liability insurance in effect for the duration of the permit covering the applicant, all agents, and employees for the following minimum amounts:

1. Bodily Injury – \$500,000.00 per person; \$1,000,000.00 per accident.
2. Property Damage – \$500,000.00 per accident.

123.07 PERMIT FEE. A permit fee of \$350.00 shall be payable at the time of filing the application with the Zoning Administrator. A separate permit shall be required for each house, building, or similar structure to be moved.

123.08 TIME LIMIT. The holder of any permit to move a building shall not permit or allow a building or similar structure to remain upon any street or other public way for a period of more than 12 hours without having first secured the written approval of the City.

123.09 ELECTRIC WIRES. The holder of any permit to move a building shall see that all telephone, cable television and electrical wires and poles are removed when necessary and replaced in good order, and shall be liable for the costs of the same. The holder of the permit for moving a building shall give 24 hours' notice to persons affected, that telephone, cable television, or electric wires must be removed and the persons may either remove or direct the removal and replacing of such wires and the holder of the permit shall pay the reasonable costs thereof.

123.10 PUBLIC PROPERTY. The holder of any permit to move a building shall be liable for any damage to any pavement, sidewalk, pole, or other City property, including the streets and alleys, caused by moving such buildings. Any damage to any City property not repaired within 24 hours shall be repaired by the City and the cost thereof recovered from the permit holder on the permit holder's bond.

123.11 PROTECT PAVEMENT. It is unlawful to move any building of any kind over any pavement unless the wheels or rollers upon which the house or building is being moved are at least one inch in width for every 1,000 pounds of weight of such building. In any question as to the weight of the building, the estimate of the Zoning Administrator as to such weight shall be final. It shall be discretionary with the Zoning Administrator to require anyone moving a building to plank the pavement, sidewalks, curb and gutter, taking into consideration the size and weight of the building. It is unlawful for any person moving a building to hook the cable anchor or other moving apparatus in a manhole, to lamp posts, fire hydrants or telephone, cable television or electric light poles or any other objects in the streets, parking lots or parks of the City.

123.12 PUBLIC SAFETY. At all times when a building or similar structure is in motion upon any street, alley, sidewalk, or public property, the permittee shall maintain persons at the closest intersections or other possible channels to the sides, behind and ahead of the building or structure. At all times when the building or structure is at rest upon any street, alley, sidewalk, or public property, the permittee shall maintain adequate warning signs or lights at the intersections or channels of traffic to the sides, behind and ahead of the building or structure.

123.13 REMOVAL BY CITY. In the event any building or structure is found to be in violation of Section 123.09, the City is authorized to remove such building or structure and assess the costs thereof against the permit holder and the surety on the permit holder's bond.

123.14 BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS. Any building or structure to be moved into the City or within the City shall be required to comply with all building and property maintenance codes of the City before any permit may be issued.

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