

To: The Common Council

From: The Commissioner of Public Works

A report analyzing the revenue generated from oversize/overweight vehicle permit fees., including a comparison of this revenue to 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. This report is required by ordinance 101-5.5-6.

Common Council File no. 060398 reduced the fee for each 1 month , non police escorted, oversize/overweight trip permit from \$305 to \$150. It also reduced the fee for each oversize/overweight multiple trip permit from \$555 for 6 months to \$250 for 12 months. These changes became effective April 11, 2007.

For a more complete description of the history of changes made to the excessive size, weight and load permit see Exhibit A.

Revenue generated from oversize/overweight vehicle permit fees from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009 is shown below.

Total revenue by year:

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
\$345,966	\$455,176	\$419,638	\$261,135	\$188,071

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Analysis;

Many factors affect the number of excessive size weight and load permits issued in a year. The amount of regional construction and manufacturing in addition to the volume of shipping through the Port of Milwaukee all impact the number of permits issued and therefore the amount of revenue generated from these permits. Additionally the requirements for the types of permits available and the cost of them has changed five times since October 2001.

The ordinance provides for a comparison of revenue over 3 years following the latest change in the fee structure. That comparison is done on an annual basis. Since this change became effective April 11, 2007, 2007 was a transition year as permits expired during the year and new permits were issued under the new fee structure. Therefore, years 2008, 2009 and 2010 are expected to give a better comparison of revenues over a 3 year period.

EXHIBIT A: EXCESSIVE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD PERMIT HISTORY

- **Prior to October 12, 2001, a City permit was not required for loads below police escort size provided;**
 1. The carrier had an annual State of Wisconsin permit for oversize loads
 2. The carrier contacted the City by telephone for a route
- **October 12, 2001 permits are required for all oversize loads**
 1. Every oversize truck is required to obtain a city permit for every trip.
 2. This change followed a lawsuit against the City after a truck struck a bridge.
 3. Carriers became aware of 2001 ordinance change through police enforcement.
- **August 13, 2004 multi-trip permits become available for non police escort size loads, unlimited moves and carriers route themselves using information provided by the City.**
 1. Effective August 13, 2004 multi trip permits become available for the first time.

permit fees	1 month \$305.00, 6 month \$555.00
	unlimited moves \$25 transfer fee*
- **Dec 30, 2005 multi-trip permits become available for police escort size loads**
 1. In 2005 the City was contacted regarding transportation of materials required to build portions of the Marquette Interchange.
 2. In order to streamline the permitting process the ordinance was changed to allow police escorted size loads to be transported on a multi-trip permit.
 3. Effective Dec. 30, 2005 multi trip permits for police escort size loads are available.

permit fees	1 month \$305.00, 2 month \$355.00
	\$120/load escort fee \$25 transfer fee
 4. The carrier is responsible for contacting the police to get an escort for every move.
- **April 11, 2007 multi-trip permit fees for non police escort size loads, are reduced.**
 1. Carriers object to permit fee cost.
 2. Effective April 11, 2007 non escorted multi-trip permit fees are reduced.

permit fees	1 month \$150.00, 12 month \$250.00
	unlimited moves \$25 transfer fee

*Permit may be transferred to another vehicle during the time period the permit is valid.

EXHIBIT A: cont.

The history of the fees for excessive size, weight and load vehicle permits (current s. 81-50.5, former s. 81-80) since January 1, 2003, is as follows:

81-50.5-1 – Oversize or overweight single trip permit without police department escort: Currently \$112; increased from \$94 on 1/1/10; increased from \$85 on 1/1/06; increased from \$82 on 8/13/04.

81-50.5-2 – Oversize or overweight single trip permit with police department escort: Currently \$272; increased from \$227 on 1/1/10; increased from \$205 on 1/1/06; increased from \$201 on 8/13/04.

81-50.5-3 – Oversize or overweight multiple trip permit for one month: Currently \$180; increased from \$150 on 1/1/10; reduced from \$305 on 4/11/07; increased from \$275 on 1/1/06; did not exist prior to 8/13/04.

81-50.5-4 – Oversize or overweight multiple trip permit for 12 months: Currently \$300 increase from \$250 on 1/1/10; reduced from \$555 for 6 months on 4/11/07; increased from \$500 for 6 months on 1/1/06; did not exist prior to 8/13/04.

81-50.5-5 – Transfer of oversize or overweight multiple trip permit for 12 months to another vehicle: Currently \$30 increased from \$25 on 1/1/10; this fee was created on 8/13/04.

81-50.5-6 a-1 – Multiple trip permits requiring traffic officer escorts: for 1 month Currently \$366 increased from \$305 on 1/1/10; did not exist prior to 12/30/05

81-50.5-6 a-2 – Multiple trip permits requiring traffic officer escorts: for 2 months; Currently \$426 increased from \$355 on 1/1/10; did not exist prior to 12/30/05

81-50.5-6 b – There shall be an additional traffic officer escort fee per vehicle, per trip; Currently \$144 increased from \$120 on 1/1/10; was instituted on 12/30/05.

