



Oversize & overweight truck permits:

Special permits may be required to operate in the City of Chicago for vehicles that are not in conformity with the standard size and weight regulations. For special permit information please contact the Office of Emergency Management and Communications at 312-744-4652.

Viaduct clearance:

Viaduct clearance information is available on the City's Website and is intended to provide users with clearance information posted along the streets in Chicago. For viaduct information, visit www.cityofchicago.org/transportation, or contact the Chicago Department of Transportation at 312-744-3520.

Restrictions on boulevards:

Commercial vehicles (any vehicle that is designed for and being used for carrying freight or other goods and merchandise for commercial purposes) are prohibited from operating on any boulevard. However, in cases where it is impossible to deliver or receive merchandise from an alley or side street to access the building, it is permitted to enter the boulevard from the nearest cross street to access the building. For more information, contact the Department of Transportation at 312-744-3600. (Municipal code section 9-72-020)

Business license requirements for trucks:

Depending on the nature of your business, you may require a business license to operate in the City of Chicago. To find out if you require a license, contact the Department of Business Affairs and Licensing at 312-74G-OBIZ.

Here are a few pointers:

- A Junk Peddler License is required to travel from place to place for the purpose of collecting, transporting or disposing of junk;
- A Scavenger License is required to provide private garbage collection services. Annual inspections of trucks are required and conducted by the Department of Streets and Sanitation;
- A Mobile Food License is required to sell food items directly from a vehicle, such as a catering or ice cream truck. All food must be pre-prepared and pre-packaged. Mobile food vehicles are prohibited in some wards of the City.

Secretary of State— B Plate license plates:

The Illinois Secretary of State will require some trucks to display a B Plate license plate or another type of truck plate. For more information about B Plates please visit, www.cyberdriveillinois.com.



Contact Information

Chicago Department of Revenue
312-744-PARK
www.cityofchicago.org/revenue

Residential Truck Permits
City of Chicago, Office of the City Clerk
Available from Aldermanic Offices
in wards that allow truck parking
312-744-1528
www.chicityclerk.com

Viaduct Clearance
City of Chicago, Department of Transportation
312-744-3520
www.cityofchicago.org/transportation

Business Licensing
City of Chicago, Department of Business Affairs
and Licensing
121 N. LaSalle St., Room 800
Chicago, IL 60602
312-74G-OBIZ
www.cityofchicago.org/businessaffairs

Size & Weight Standards
City of Chicago, Department of Consumer Services
312-744-4006
www.cityofchicago.org/consumerservices

Overweight Permits
City of Chicago
Office of Emergency Management
and Communications
312-744-4652
www.cityofchicago.org/emergency911

State of Illinois
Secretary of State, Jesse White
217-782-2201
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Illinois Commerce Commission
217-782-4654
www.icc.illinois.gov

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Parking Your Commercial Truck in Chicago



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This guide was created to help commercial truck and junk vehicle owners understand the City of Chicago parking and other related regulations.

For several years the City has prohibited trucks weighing over 4500 lbs. (18 wheelers) from parking on City streets.

The City of Chicago has a law restricting the parking of commercial trucks and junk vehicles on City streets to:

- Maintain safety in residential neighborhoods;
- Preserve the residential feel in our neighborhoods;
- Improve parking availability in densely populated areas.

There are a few exceptions to the rule described throughout this brochure. The laws were NOT enacted to impact businesses that provide services to Chicagoans.

What is a “Commercial Truck”?

A commercial truck is a vehicle that is represented as being used for the transportation of property for any commercial or industrial business or vehicles carrying merchandise or supplies of a commercial or industrial nature, or *junk vehicles. (text taken from chapter 9-64-170)

*What is a “Junk Vehicle”?

Any truck or automobile or motorized vehicle used in the collection, disposition or transportation of junk from one place to another. (See photo above.)

Important information for parking your commercial truck in Chicago

Can a commercial truck park on a business street?

- Yes, but only while the commercial truck is providing deliveries or services to customers (i.e.: contractors, electricians, plumbers, furniture or other deliveries). Or, other expeditious loading or unloading;
- Commercial truck owners who park on business streets that are not providing services to customers may have their vehicle booted.

Can a commercial truck park on a residential street?

Yes, but only while the commercial truck, regardless of weight, is providing deliveries or services to customers (i.e.: contractors, electricians, plumbers, furniture or other deliveries) or, other expeditious loading or unloading.

Or

When a residential truck permit is displayed and the truck is parked near the residence of the owner. This exception only applies within participating wards. Contact the Office of the City Clerk for participating wards.

Where can I obtain a residential truck permit?

Truck permits are available free of charge at aldermanic offices in wards that allow truck parking. Call 312-744-1528 for participating wards or visit www.chicityclerk.com.

What is required to obtain the residential truck permit?

- The vehicle must weigh less than 4,500 lbs;
- The vehicle should not have any outstanding City of Chicago parking violations;
- You must present proof of a current city vehicle sticker.



What does the residential truck permit allow?

- The residential truck permit allows commercial trucks weighing less than 4500 lbs to be parked in residential areas near the residence of the registered owner of the vehicle. This only applies within certain wards that allow parking of commercial trucks.

Ward participation is subject to change; please check with the City Clerk’s office for the most up to date ward information.

When can my commercial truck be booted?

- When your commercial truck is parked on a business street and you are not providing services;
- When your commercial truck is parked on a residential street within a ward that does not permit trucks to park, you are not providing services;
- When your commercial truck is parked on a residential street within a ward that does permit trucks to park but is not displaying a valid residential truck permit, and you are not providing services;
- Or, if your commercial truck is eligible for the boot, for three or more delinquent tickets in final determination status or two delinquent tickets in final determination status older than one year. Ticket payment plans are available to eligible motorists and can prevent your vehicle from being booted. Call 312-744-PARK for more information.

What are the consequences for parking in an area that does not permit commercial truck parking?

Your vehicle can be booted immediately; that includes a \$60 boot fee, and a \$125 parking violation. For trucks over 4500 lbs., the boot fee is \$400, and a \$125 parking violation will be issued. Booted vehicles can be towed and are subject to additional towing and storage fees.

More About Trucks

Size and weight standards:

Trucks traveling in Chicago are required to be in conformity with size and weight regulations described in the Chicago Municipal Code Chapter 9-72-070, and the Illinois Vehicle Code Chapter 15-111. To find out more, contact the City of Chicago Department of Consumer Services at 312-744-4006. Vehicles traveling overweight are subject to fines, depending on the weight.

