

Permit to Move a Building or Structure

Structures moved into or within the City of Columbia are required by code to comply with the provisions of the building code for a new structure. To move a structure a building permit is required. Additional unique conditions for moving a structure are listed below:

1. A permit to move a building or structure shall not be issued until a bond or other security is posted with the city in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), guaranteeing that the building or structure will be made to comply with section 3407.1 of the building codes within one hundred eighty (180) days from date of issuance of permit.
2. No building or structure of any nature or description shall be moved over any street of the City of Columbia, Missouri, by any means whatsoever without first obtaining permission from the City Manager. Upon receipt of an application for a permit, the City Manager shall refer the same to the Director of Public Works, who shall cause an inspection to be made to determine whether or not the building or structure is a "dangerous building" as defined in the Property Maintenance Code of Columbia, Missouri. Upon completion of his inspection, the Director shall report his findings in writing to the City Manager. At the same time the application for a permit is referred to the Director of Public Works, the City Manager shall direct the Director of Water and Light to make an inspection of the route over which the building or structure is proposed to be moved, to determine whether or not any facilities of the Water and Light Department could constitute an obstacle to such removal. Upon completion of his inspection, the Director of Water and Light shall report his findings in writing to the City Manager. After giving consideration to the reports, and to any other matter involved in such removal which might concern the safety or welfare of the public or private property, the City Manager may, in his discretion, grant or deny the application for permit.
3. No buildings or structures shall be allowed to stand in the streets of the city in one (1) block for a longer period than six (6) hours, except for the period between sunset and sunrise, when such buildings or structures shall have flares set about them on every side.
4. No pavement nor any part thereof shall be taken up or removed to assist in any way the moving of any building or structure, nor shall pegs, stakes, or poles be driven into paved streets for such purposes.
5. Before any permit shall be issued by the city manager, the applicant shall furnish a good and sufficient bond with a corporate surety company as surety to be approved by the city manager, in a sum to be fixed by the city manager at not less than double the estimated damages, conditioned that the applicant will promptly and fully pay the owner for any public or private property injured or destroyed by him in the process of moving such building, and that he will reimburse the city for costs and expenses incurred by the city in removing Water and Light Department facility obstacles from the route and restoring the same