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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) finds it necessary to propose amendments to §28.100, Purpose, §28.101, Responsibilities, §28.102, Permit Issuance Requirements and Procedures, §28.111, Applicability, §28.201, Investigations and Inspections of Records, and §28.202, Records, all relating to oversize and overweight vehicles and loads, to be codified under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Part 1.

The preamble and the proposed amendments, attached to this minute order as Exhibits A - D, are incorporated by reference as though set forth verbatim in this minute order, except that they are subject to technical corrections and revisions, approved by the General Counsel, necessary for compliance with state or federal law or for acceptance by the Secretary of State for filing and publication in the *Texas Register*.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the amendments to §28.100, §28.101, §28.102, §28.111, §28.201, and §28.202 are proposed for adoption and are authorized for publication in the *Texas Register* for the purpose of receiving public comments.

The executive director is directed to take the necessary steps to implement the actions as ordered in this minute order, pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code, Chapter 2001.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Director, Motor Carrier Division

Recommended by:

Executive Director

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1 Proposed Preamble 2 The Texas Department of Transportation (department) proposes 3 amendments to §28.100, §28.101, §28.102, §28.111, §28.201, and §28.202, all concerning oversize and overweight vehicles and 4 5 loads. 6 7 EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 8 These amendments are proposed to address statutory changes from 9 the 81st Legislative Session, 2009, and to address updates to 10 the current oversize, overweight permit process. Statutory 11 changes were made to the optional permitting procedures for 12 Chambers County. Other amendments address changes needed to 13 improve compliance issues. 14 15 Changes are made to §§28.100 - 28.102 regarding optional permits issued by Chambers County. House Bill 4594, 81st Legislature, 16 17 Regular Session, 2009 amended Transportation Code, §623.252 to 18 increase the list of roads for which the county can issue 19 oversize and overweight permits. 20 Amendments to §28.100, Purpose, correct a statutory reference to 21 22 the subchapter relating to Chambers County and replace the list 23 of roads for which Chambers County can issue permits for the 24 movement of oversize and overweight vehicles and loads with the

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appropriate statutory reference to insure that the reference is

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1 always accurate.

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- 3 Amendments to §28.101, Responsibilities, address the new roads
- 4 and restructure the provisions of that section to more closely
- 5 follow the optional permitting process. The amendments add new
- 6 subsection (a), which essentially contains the language in the
- 7 current §28.101(g)(2) and additionally provides the load
- 8 dimension requirements. The substance was moved from current
- 9 §28.101(g)(2) to a position more toward the beginning of the
- 10 section because of its importance in relation to the other
- 11 provisions of the section. The load dimension information is
- 12 added to clearly present the statutory limitations on the
- 13 county's authority to issue permits.

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- 15 New §28.101(b) sets out the responsibilities of Chambers County
- 16 relating to the collection and use of permit fees. The
- 17 subsection contains the substance of current §28.101(g)(1)
- 18 modified to reflect the provisions of Transportation Code,
- 19 §623.254(b). The subsection requires the county to collect
- 20 permit fees and to deposit into the State Highway Fund the
- 21 permit fees collected, minus administrative fees. The
- 22 subsection also provides that the permit fee and administration
- 23 costs, not to exceed 15 percent of each fee, will be established
- 24 by the agreement between the county and the department.
- 25 Finally, the subsection states that, in accordance with statute,

- 1 the department will use the money deposited by the county to
- 2 maintain and improve the affected highways.

- 4 The amendments to §28.101 redesignate subsection (a) as
- 5 subsection (c) and change the substance to reflect the addition
- of new eligible highways in Transportation Code, §623.252. They
- 7 also clarify that the purpose of the surety bond is to ensure
- 8 that the department can recover all maintenance costs. These
- 9 changes bring the rule into compliance with the statute.

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- 11 The amendments to §28.101 redesignate subsections (b), (c), (e),
- 12 and (f) as subsections (d), (e), (g), and (h) respectively,
- 13 without change.

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- 15 The amendments to §28.101 redesignate subsection (d) as
- 16 subsection (f), make non-substantive editing changes for
- 17 clarity, and conform a cross reference to reflect a change in
- 18 designation as made by the amendments.

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- 20 The amendments to §28.101 delete subsection (g) because the
- 21 substance of that subsection is moved to subsections (a) and (b)
- 22 for the reasons noted in the explanation of those subsections.

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- 24 The amendments to §28.101 redesignate subsection (h) as
- 25 subsection (i) and amend the language to address the county's

- 1 ability to pay for maintenance if it does not collect and
- 2 deposit into the State Highway Fund a sufficient amount to cover
- 3 the department's maintenance costs for the subject roads. This
- 4 will allow the county to pay any deficiency before the
- 5 department files against the surety bond. This change will
- 6 streamline the maintenance process and reflects the current
- 7 procedure with the county. The reference to the specific
- 8 highways that are subject to the subchapter is deleted to
- 9 eliminate unnecessary redundancy.

11 The amendments to §28.101 redesignate subsection (i) as

12 subsection (j) without change.

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14 Amendments to §28.102(a) address the information that must be

15 included on the permit. The amendments to §28.102 change the

16 heading of subsection (a) to better describe the subject of the

17 subsection. The permit includes axle information to provide

18 both the permit holder and enforcement officials the exact axle

19 dimensions to improve compliance. The amendments also delete

20 §28.102(a)(4) that required a statement of the kind of cargo

21 being transported. Subsequent paragraphs are renumbered. A

22 separate requirement for the kind of cargo is not necessary when

23 new §28.102(a)(5) requires the kind and weight of each commodity

24 and the load dimensions of the vehicle or the commodity being

25 transported. Having both paragraphs is repetitive and

- 1 unnecessary. The amendments to §28.102(a)(7) make conforming
- 2 statutory changes to road references for accuracy.

- 4 The amendments to §28.102 change the heading of subsection (b)
- 5 to better describe the subject of the subsection.

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- 7 The amendments move the substance of the last sentence of
- 8 subsection (h)(3) to a new subsection (i) to emphasize the duty
- 9 of the county to maintain the records required under 43 TAC
- 10 Chapter 28, Subchapter H.

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- 12 The amendments to §28.102 redesignate subsection (i) as
- 13 subsection (j) and substitute a general reference for the
- 14 specific listing of the roads affected to eliminate redundancy.

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- 16 Section §28.111, Applicability, is amended to include the person
- 17 who loads the vehicle as someone who is subject to compliance
- 18 with the rules. Under Transportation Code, §621.503 it is a
- 19 violation to load or cause to be loaded a vehicle for operation
- 20 on a state highway that exceeds the weight limitations. Under
- 21 the department's compliance procedures the person who loaded the
- 22 vehicle was not included, which created problems with
- 23 enforcement. Transportation Code, §623.271 authorizes the
- 24 department to take administrative actions for violations of
- 25 Transportation Code, Chapter 621, therefore, the rules need to

- 1 apply to the person who loads the vehicle. This change will
- 2 help address that oversight in the current rule.

- 4 Section 28.201, Investigations and Inspections of Records, is
- 5 amended to clarify where records must be kept and the time in
- 6 which they must be made available to the department. Under the
- 7 current rules all records are required to be maintained at the
- 8 person's principal place of business. The department has
- 9 determined that this requirement is unnecessary and does not
- 10 reflect standard industry procedures. The section has been
- 11 amended to provide that the person may maintain records at their
- 12 principal place of business or at a location within the state
- 13 that is mutually agreed to by the department and the person. If
- 14 the principal place of business is outside of the state, the
- 15 person must make the records available for inspection at a
- 16 location within the state or may make them available outside the
- 17 state if the person reimburses the department for all travel
- 18 expenses necessary to inspect the records at that location. The
- 19 changes provide that if the records are held out of state or at
- 20 a place other than the person's principle place of business in
- 21 this state, the records must be available within 48 hours of the
- 22 request. This change is needed to allow the person time to
- 23 gather the records. If the records are held at the principal
- 24 place of business in this state, the department will have
- 25 immediate access to the records for inspection. These

- 1 amendments will alleviate problems that have occurred under the
- The amendments delete the term "document" in 2 current section.
- 3 §28.201(a)(1) for consistency within the subchapter. "Document"
- is unnecessary because it is included within the term "record," 4
- which is used throughout the subchapter. 5

- 7 Section 28.202, Records, is amended to remove language that
- 8 requires all records to be maintained at the principal place of
- 9 business to coincide with the changes made to 43 TAC §28.201.
- 10 The amendments also provide that driver time cards and logs
- 11 shall be maintained for not less than six months instead of the
- 12 two years, as currently required. This change is made because
- 13 the department has determined that holding these types of
- 14 records for two years is unnecessary for enforcement purposes
- 15 and that six months is in line with industry standards.

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- 17 FISCAL NOTE
- 18 James Bass, Chief Financial Officer, has determined that for
- 19 each of the first five years the amendments as proposed are in
- 20 effect, there will be no fiscal implications for state or local
- governments as a result of enforcing or administering the 21
- 22 amendments.

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- Carol Davis, Director, Motor Carrier Division, has certified 24
- 25 that there will be no significant impact on local economies or

- 1 overall employment as a result of enforcing or administering the
- 2 amendments.

- 4 PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST
- 5 Ms. Davis has also determined that for each year of the first
- 6 five years the sections are in effect, the public benefit
- 7 anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the
- 8 amendments will be the implementation of new legislative
- 9 requirements for motor carriers and a more streamlined
- 10 administrative process for the enforcement of oversize and
- 11 overweight permits.

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- 13 There are no anticipated economic costs for persons required to
- 14 comply with the sections as proposed. There will be no adverse
- 15 economic effect on small businesses.

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- 17 SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS
- 18 Written comments on the proposed amendments to §§28.100 -
- 19 28.102, 28.111, 28.201, and 28.202 may be submitted to Carol
- 20 Davis, Director, Motor Carrier Division, Texas Department of
- 21 Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483.
- 22 The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m. on May 10,
- 23 2010.

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Exhibit A

- 1 STATUTORY AUTHORITY
- 2 The amendments are proposed under Transportation Code, §201.101,
- 3 which provides the commission with the authority to establish
- 4 rules for the conduct of the work of the department, and more
- 5 specifically, Transportation Code, §623.259, which authorizes
- 6 the commission to adopt rules necessary to implement
- 7 Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter M.

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- 9 CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE
- 10 Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter M; and
- 11 Transportation Code, §623.271.

- 1 SUBCHAPTER H. CHAMBERS COUNTY PERMITS
- 2 §28.100. Purpose. In accordance with Transportation Code,
- 3 Chapter 623, Subchapter M [K], the commission may authorize
- 4 Chambers County, Texas to issue permits for the movement of
- 5 oversize and overweight vehicles and loads on the roads
- 6 designated by Transportation Code, §623.252(b)(1) [Farm to-
- 7 Market Road 1405 and the frontage road of State Highway 99
- 8 located in the Cedar Crossing Business Park]. This subchapter
- 9 sets forth the requirements and applicable procedures for the
- 10 issuance of permits by Chambers County for the movement of
- 11 oversize and overweight vehicles.

- 13 §28.101. Responsibilities.
- 14 (a) Authority to issue permits. Chambers County may issue
- 15 a permit for a vehicle or vehicle combination that exceeds the
- 16 vehicle size or weight limits specified by Transportation Code,
- 17 Chapter 621, Subchapters B and C but does not exceed loaded
- 18 dimensions of 12' wide, 16' high, or 110' long, or 100,000
- 19 pounds gross weight for travel on the roads designated by
- 20 Transportation Code, §623.252(b)(1).
- 21 (b) Permit fees and administrative costs. Chambers County
- 22 shall collect a fee for each permit issued under this
- 23 subchapter. The permit fee may not exceed \$80 per trip.

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- 1 Chambers County may retain an amount up to 15 percent of each
- 2 permit fee to cover costs of administering the program. The
- 3 permit fee and administration costs shall be established by the
- 4 agreement between the department and Chambers County. Chambers
- 5 County shall deposit the permit fees collected, less
- 6 administrative cost amounts authorized, in the State Highway
- 7 Fund. The department will use those amounts for the maintenance
- 8 and improvement of the roads designated by Transportation Code,
- 9 §623.252(b)(1).
- 10 (c) [(a)] Surety bond. The department may require Chambers
- 11 County to post a surety bond in the amount of \$500,000 for the
- 12 purpose of reimbursing the department the amount equal to the
- 13 [for] actual maintenance costs of roads designated by
- 14 Transportation Code, §623.252(b)(1) less the amount that
- 15 Chambers County deposits in the State Highway Fund under
- 16 subsection (b) of this section [Farm to Market Road 1405 and the
- 17 frontage road of State Highway 99 located in the Cedar Crossing
- 18 Business Park in the event that sufficient revenue is not
- 19 collected from permits issued under this subchapter].
- 20 (d) [(b)] Verification of permits. All permits issued by
- 21 Chambers County shall be carried in the permitted vehicle.
- 22 Chambers County shall provide access for verification of permit
- 23 authenticity by law enforcement and department personnel.

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- (e) [(c)] Training. Chambers County shall secure any 1
- 2 training necessary for personnel to issue permits under this
- 3 subchapter. The department may provide assistance with training
- upon request by Chambers County. 4
- (f) [(d)] Accounting. The department shall develop 5
- 6 accounting procedures related to permits issued under this
- 7 subchapter. Chambers County shall comply with those accounting
- procedures for the purpose of revenue collections and any 8
- 9 payment made to the department under subsection (i) [(h)] of
- 10 this section.
- 11 (g) [(e)] Audits. The department may conduct annual audits
- 12 of all Chambers County permit activities or upon direction by
- 13 the executive director. In order to insure compliance, audits
- 14 will at a minimum include a review of all permits issued,
- 15 financial transaction records related to permit issuance, review
- of vehicle scale weight tickets, and monitoring of personnel 16
- issuing permits under this subchapter. 17
- 18 (h) $\left[\frac{f}{f}\right]$ Revocation of authority to issue permits. If the
- 19 department determines as a result of an audit that Chambers
- County is not complying with this subchapter, the executive 20
- 21 director will issue a notice to Chambers County allowing 30 days
- 22 to correct any non-compliance issue. If after 30 days it is
- determined that Chambers County is not in compliance, then the 23

- 1 executive director may revoke Chambers County's authority to
- 2 issue permits.
- 3 (1) Upon notification that its authority to issue permits
- 4 under this subchapter has been revoked, Chambers County may
- 5 appeal the revocation to the commission in writing.
- 6 (2) In cases where a revocation is being appealed,
- 7 Chambers County's authority to issue permits under this
- 8 subchapter shall remain in effect until the commission makes a
- 9 final decision regarding the appeal.
- 10 (3) Upon revocation of authority to issue permits,
- 11 termination of the maintenance contract, or expiration of this
- 12 subchapter, all permit fees collected by Chambers County, less
- 13 allowable administrative costs, shall be paid to the department.
- 14 [(g) Permit fees. Permit fees collected under this
- 15 subchapter shall be used solely to provide funds for the
- 16 payments provided for under Transportation Code, §623.253, less
- 17 administrative costs.
- 18 [(1) The permit fee shall not exceed \$80 per trip.
- 19 Chambers County may retain up to 15% of such permit fees for
- 20 administrative costs, and the balance of the permit fees shall
- 21 be deposited in the state highway fund to be used for
- 22 maintenance of Farm to Market Road 1405 and the frontage road of
- 23 State Highway 99 located in the Cedar Crossing Business Park.

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- 1 [(2) Chambers County may issue a permit and collect a fee
- 2 for a permit issued under this subchapter for any vehicle or
- 3 vehicle combination exceeding vehicle size or weight as
- 4 specified by Transportation Code, Chapter 621, Subchapters B and
- 5 C traveling only on Farm-to-Market Road 1405 and the frontage
- 6 road of State Highway 99 located in the Cedar Crossing Business
- 7 Park.
- 8 (i) [(h)] Maintenance payments [contract]. If Chambers
- 9 County does not deposit in the State Highway Fund under
- 10 subsection (b) of this section sufficient amounts to reimburse
- 11 the department for the payment of the costs of maintenance of
- 12 the highways that are designated by Transportation Code,
- 13 §623.252(b)(1), Chambers County may pay the deficiency in lieu
- 14 of the department's filing against the surety bond provided
- 15 under subsection (c) of this section for that amount. [Chambers
- 16 County shall enter into a maintenance contract with the
- 17 department for the maintenance of Farm-to-Market Road 1405 and
- 18 the frontage road of State Highway 99 located in the Cedar
- 19 Crossing Business Park.
- 20 [(1)] Maintenance includes [shall include, but is not
- 21 limited to, routine maintenance, preventive maintenance, and
- 22 total reconstruction of the roadway and bridge structures as
- 23 determined by the department to maintain the current level of

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- 1 service.
- 2 [(2) Chambers County may make direct restitution to the
- 3 department for actual maintenance costs in lieu of the
- 4 department filing against the surety bond described in
- 5 subsection (a) of this section, in the event that sufficient
- 6 revenue is not collected.
- 7 (j) [(i)] Reporting. Chambers County shall provide monthly
- 8 and annual reports to the department's Finance Division
- 9 regarding all permits issued and fees collected. The report
- 10 must be in a format approved by the department.
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- 12 §28.102. Permit Issuance Requirements and Procedures.
- 13 (a) Permit contents [application]. A [Application for a]
- 14 permit issued under this subchapter shall be in a form approved
- 15 by the department, and shall at a minimum include:
- 16 (1) the name of the applicant;
- 17 (2) date of issuance;
- 18 (3) signature of the designated agent of Chambers County;
- [(4) a statement of the kind of cargo being transported;]
- (4) [(5)] the maximum weight and dimensions of the
- 21 proposed vehicle combination including the number of tires on
- 22 each axle, tire size for each axle, distance between each axle,
- 23 measured from center of axle to center of axle, and the specific

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- 1 weight of each individual axle when loaded;
- 2 (5) [(6)] a statement of the kind and weight of each
- 3 commodity to be transported, not to exceed loaded dimensions of
- 4 12' wide, 16' high, or 110' long, or 100,000 pounds gross
- 5 weight;
- 6 (6) $\left[\frac{7}{1}\right]$ a statement of any condition on which the
- 7 permit is issued;
- 8 (7) $[\frac{(8)}{(8)}]$ a statement that the cargo may $[\frac{(8)}{(8)}]$ be
- 9 transported in Chambers County only over the roads that are
- 10 described by Transportation Code, §623.652(b)(1) [over the most
- 11 direct route using only Farm-to-Market Road 1405 and the
- 12 frontage road of State Highway 99 located in the Cedar Crossing
- 13 Business Park];
- (8) $[\frac{(9)}{}]$ the location where the cargo was loaded; and
- 15 (9) [(10)] the date or dates on which movement authorized
- 16 by the permit is allowed.
- 17 (b) Permit use and validity [issuance].
- 18 (1) General.
- 19 (A) The original permit must be carried in the vehicle
- 20 for which it is issued.
- 21 (B) A permit is void when an applicant:
- 22 (i) gives false or incorrect information;
- 23 (ii) does not comply with the restrictions or

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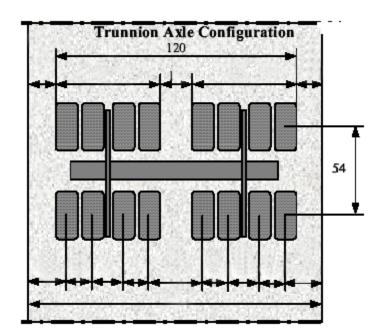
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- 1 conditions stated in the permit; or
- 2 (iii) changes or alters the information on the
- 3 permit.
- 4 (C) A permittee may not transport an overdimension or
- 5 overweight load with a voided permit.
- 6 (2) Payment of permit fee. Chambers County may determine
- 7 acceptable methods of payment. All fees transmitted to the
- 8 department must be in U.S. currency.
- 9 (c) Maximum permit weight limits.
- 10 (1) An axle group must have a minimum spacing of four
- 11 feet, measured from center of axle to center of axle, between
- 12 each axle in the group, to achieve the maximum permit weight for
- 13 the group.
- 14 (2) Two or more consecutive axle groups must have an axle
- 15 spacing of 12 feet or greater, measured from the center of the
- 16 last axle of the preceding group to the center of the first axle
- 17 of the following group, in order for each group to be permitted
- 18 for maximum permit weight.
- 19 (3) Maximum permit weight for an axle or axle group is
- 20 based on 650 pounds per inch of tire width or the following axle
- 21 or axle group weights, whichever is the lesser amount;
- 22 (A) single axle--25,000 pounds;
- 23 (B) two axle group--46,000 pounds;

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- 1 (C) three axle group--60,000 pounds;
- 2 (D) four axle group--70,000 pounds;
- 3 (E) five axle group--81,400 pounds;
- 4 (F) trunnion axles--60,000 pounds if:
- 5 (i) the trunnion configuration has two axles;
- 6 (ii) there are a total of 16 tires for a trunnion
- 7 configuration; and
- 8 (iii) the trunnion axle as shown in the following
- 9 diagram is 10 feet in width.
- 10 Figure: 43 TAC §28.102(c)(3)(F)(iii)



- 12 (4) A permit issued under this subchapter does not
- 13 authorize the vehicle to exceed manufacturer's tire load rating.
- 14 (d) Vehicles exceeding weight limits. Any vehicle
- 15 exceeding weight limits outlined in subsection (c) of this

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- 1 section, shall apply directly to the department for an oversize
- 2 or overweight permit in accordance with §28.11 of this chapter
- 3 (relating to General Oversize/Overweight Permit Requirements and
- 4 Procedures).
- 5 (e) Registration. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles
- 6 permitted under this subchapter shall be registered in
- 7 accordance with Transportation Code, Chapter 502.
- 8 (f) Travel conditions. Movement of a permitted vehicle is
- 9 prohibited when visibility is reduced to less than 2/10 of one
- 10 mile or the road surface is hazardous due to weather conditions
- 11 such as rain, ice, sleet, or snow, or highway maintenance or
- 12 construction work.
- 13 (g) Daylight and night movement restrictions. An oversize
- 14 permitted vehicle may be moved only during daylight hours;
- 15 however, an overweight only permitted vehicle may be moved at
- 16 any time.
- 17 (h) Restrictions.
- 18 (1) Any vehicle issued a permit by Chambers County must
- 19 be weighed on scales capable of determining permitted loaded
- 20 gross vehicle weights and individual axle loads. For the
- 21 purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the permit, the scales must
- 22 be certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture.
- 23 (2) A copy of the certified weight ticket shall be

- 1 retained by Chambers County and become a part of the official
- 2 permit record subject to inspection by department personnel or
- 3 Texas Department of Public Safety personnel.
- 4 (3) The owner of a vehicle permitted under this
- 5 subchapter must be registered as a motor carrier in accordance
- 6 with Transportation Code, Chapters 643 or 645, prior to the
- 7 oversize or overweight permit being issued. [Chambers County
- 8 shall maintain records relative to this subchapter, which are
- 9 subject to audit by department personnel.]
- 10 (4) Permits issued by Chambers County shall be in a form
- 11 prescribed by the department.
- 12 (5) The maximum speed for a permitted vehicle shall be 55
- 13 miles per hour or the posted maximum, whichever is less.
- 14 (i) Records. Chambers County shall maintain records
- 15 relative to this subchapter, which are subject to audit by
- 16 department personnel.
- 17 (j) [(i)] Issuing entity. A motor carrier transporting
- 18 loads that fall within the size and weight limits of §28.101 of
- 19 this subchapter (relating to Responsibilities) on trips
- 20 originating and terminating within the Cedar Crossing Business
- 21 Park using a road designated by Transportation Code,
- 22 §623.252(b)(1) [Farm to Market Road 1405 or the frontage road of
- 23 State Highway 99] must obtain a permit from Chambers County.

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- 1 SUBCHAPTER I. COMPLIANCE
- 2 §28.111. Applicability.
- 3 (a) A person operating or loading a vehicle for which a
- 4 permit under this chapter is required shall comply with all
- 5 applicable terms, conditions, and requirements of the permit,
- 6 and with this chapter and Transportation Code, Chapters 621,
- 7 622, or 623 as applicable.
- 8 (b) A person loading a vehicle or operating on a public
- 9 road or highway a vehicle for which a permit under this chapter
- 10 is not required shall comply with the weight and size provisions
- of Transportation Code, Chapters 621, 622, or 623.
- 12 (c) Gross weight registration. A person may not operate on
- 13 a highway or public road a vehicle that exceeds its gross weight
- 14 registration.

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- 1 SUBCHAPTER J. RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS
- 2 §28.201. Investigations and Inspections of Records.
- 3 (a) Inspections.
- 4 (1) A person shall give an inspector access to the
- 5 person's premises to conduct inspections or investigations of an
- 6 alleged violation of this chapter or Transportation Code,
- 7 Chapters 621, 622, or 623. The person shall provide adequate
- 8 workspace with reasonable working conditions and shall allow the
- 9 inspector to copy and verify records [and documents].
- 10 (2) The inspector will conduct inspections and
- 11 investigations during normal business hours unless mutual
- 12 arrangements have been made otherwise.
- 13 (3) The inspector will present to the person the
- 14 inspector's credentials and a written statement from the
- 15 department indicating the inspector's authority to conduct the
- 16 investigation.
- 17 (b) Access. [A person shall provide access to requested
- 18 records and documents at:
- 19 (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2) of this
- 20 subsection, a person shall provide access to requested records
- 21 at:
- (A) $\left(\frac{1}{1}\right)$ the person's principal place of business; or
- (B) $\left[\frac{(2)}{2}\right]$ a location in this state agreed to by the

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- 1 department and the person.
- 2 (2) If the person's principal place of business is located
- 3 outside of this state, the person may choose to make the records
- 4 available at an out-of-state location agreed to by the
- 5 department and the person but only if the person agrees to
- 6 reimburse the department for necessary travel expenses and for a
- 7 per diem as set by legislative appropriation for each day that
- 8 an inspection or investigation related to the records or
- 9 information is conducted.
- 10 (3) If the requested records are maintained at the
- 11 person's principal place of business in this state, the person
- 12 shall make those records available to the inspector immediately
- 13 after the department requests the records. If the records are
- 14 maintained at a regional office or driver work-reporting
- 15 location or if the person's principal place of business is
- 16 located outside of this state, the person shall make the records
- 17 available at the person's principal place of business or the
- 18 agreed location at a time agreed to by the department and the
- 19 person within 48 hours after the time that the department makes
- 20 the request. Saturdays, Sundays, and federal and state holidays
- 21 are excluded from the computation of the 48-hour period.
- (c) If a time or [and] location cannot be agreed upon under
- 23 subsection (b) of this section, the department shall designate

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1 the time or [and] location by certified mail or facsimile.

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- 3 §28.202. Records.
- 4 (a) General records to be maintained. Each person who is
- 5 subject to this chapter shall maintain the following records [at
- 6 its principal place of business in this state]:
- 7 (1) operational logs, insurance certificates, and
- 8 documents to verify the person's operations;
- 9 (2) complete and accurate records of services performed;
- 10 and
- 11 (3) all certificate of title documents, shipper's
- 12 certificate of weight, including information used to support the
- 13 shipper's certificate of weight, weight tickets, permits for
- 14 oversize or overweight vehicles and loads, dispatch records,
- 15 load tickets, waybill or any other document that verify the
- 16 operations of the vehicle to determine the actual weight,
- 17 insurance coverage, size or capacity of the vehicle, and the
- 18 size or weight of the commodity being transported.
- 19 [(b) Location of files. Each person who is subject to this
- 20 chapter shall maintain at the principal place of business all
- 21 records and information required by the department.
- 22 (b) [(c)] Copies of permits. A copy of the oversize or
- 23 overweight permit shall be maintained in the vehicle for which

NOTE: Additions underlined

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- 1 the permit was issued during the period that the permit is
- 2 required. On demand by a department inspector or any other
- 3 authorized government personnel, the driver of the vehicle shall
- 4 present the permit to that person.
- 5 (c) $[\frac{d}{d}]$ Preservation and destruction of records. Records
- 6 [Information] required under this section shall be maintained
- 7 for not less than two years, except that drivers' time cards and
- 8 logs shall be maintained for not less than six months [at the
- 9 person's principal business address].

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