

## CHAPTER 18; BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

### ARTICLE IV. Moving of Buildings\*

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\***Cross references**--Environment, ch. 30; streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 50; moving of buildings, § 74-161.

**State law reference**--Moving of buildings, Minn. Stats. § 221.81.  
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### DIVISION 1. Generally

#### **Section 18-161. Definitions.**

For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given them by this section.

*Building* means a structure designed, built or occupied as a shelter or roofed enclosure for persons, animals or property and used for residential, business, mercantile, storage, commercial, industrial, institutional, assembly, educational or recreational purposes.

*Removal location* means any location in the city to which a building may properly be moved and on which such a building may be properly located after such moving under the provision of this article.

**Cross reference**--Definitions generally, § 1-2.

#### **Section 18-162. Enforcement of article.**

The city manager, the building official, the police chief and the city engineer shall enforce and carry out the requirements of this article.

#### **Section 18-163. Building mover's license.**

- (a) *Required.* No person shall move, remove, raise or hold up any building within the city without first obtaining a mover's license from the building official. The mover's license fee will be determined by council resolution and must be paid at the time of filing the license application.
- (b) *Insurance.* A mover's license will not be issued until the applicant files a liability insurance policy or policies insuring the applicant against liability imposed by the law in the amount of at least \$500,000.00 for a single injury or claim of damage and at least \$1,000,000.00 maximum liability. The policy must provide that it may not be canceled by the insurer except upon notice to the city. In case of cancellation of the insurance, the license will be automatically suspended until the insurance has been replaced.
- (c) *Bond or letter of credit.* A mover's license will not be granted until the party applying submits a bond or letter of credit in the sum of \$5,000.00 with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the city attorney and the city council. The bond or letter of credit shall be conditioned on the premise that the applicant will pay any and all damage which may be caused to any property, either public or private, within the city, and will indemnify and hold harmless the city against all liabilities, judgments, costs, and expenses that accrue against the city as a consequence of granting the license. Such expenses shall include city costs for the services of public utility maintenance personnel necessitated by the moving of any buildings.

- (d) *Term; nontransferable.* Each license issued under this section terminates on January 1 next succeeding the issuance of the permit, unless sooner revoked or forfeited, and shall not be transferable or assignable.
- (e) *Revocation.* A license may be revoked by the building official upon satisfactory proof of any of the following:
  - (1) The licensee has been proven incompetent to properly move the building;
  - (2) The licensee has proceeded with any work in a manner that endangers people or property;
  - (3) The licensee has been convicted for failure to comply with this section or related ordinances; and/or
  - (4) For good cause.

**Section 18-164. Removal of wires.**

The person owning, operating, or controlling overhead electrical or other wires shall be responsible to remove or displace the wires, as may be required for the removal of a building authorized by a moving permit under this article.

**Section 18-165--18-180. Reserved.**