

CHAPTER 38-05-02

STANDARDS FOR MARKING VEHICLES AND LOADS

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1. Any vehicle or load exempt from width limitations as provided for in North Dakota Century Code section 39-12-04 must display red or bright orange flags that shall be mounted on the most practical outside dimension on the traffic side of the overwidth vehicle or load, front and rear. If one flag is visible from both the front and rear, only one flag would be required. All flags shall be made of red or bright orange cloth or other suitable material and shall be at least eighteen inches [45.72 centimeters] by eighteen inches [45.72 centimeters] in size.
2. In lieu of the flagging requirements in subsection 1:
 - a. Overwidth movements may be followed by a vehicle with lighted flashing lights that are visible from the rear for a minimum five hundred feet [152.4 meters]; or
 - b. The overwidth vehicle itself, or vehicle towing or hauling an overwidth load, may be equipped with a lighted rotating or flashing amber light or lights that are visible from the rear for a minimum five hundred feet [152.4 meters].
3. Movements that exceed fourteen feet six inches [441.96 centimeters] in overall width are exempt from the above flagging requirements, however:
 - a. All movements that exceed fourteen feet six inches [4.4196 meters] in overall width shall have a red or bright orange flag that is at least eighteen inches [45.72 centimeters] by eighteen inches [45.72 centimeters] in size mounted on a pole showing the extreme outside width and height on the traffic side of the load. If one flag is not clearly visible from the front and rear of the vehicle, then flags must be mounted on both the front and rear of the vehicle; or
 - b. Vehicles, or vehicles towing or hauling loads, that exceed fourteen feet six inches [441.96 centimeters] in overall width shall be equipped with a lighted rotating or flashing amber light or lights that are visible from the front and rear for a minimum five hundred feet [152.4 meters]; or
 - c. Movements that exceed fourteen feet six inches [441.96 centimeters] in width must be preceded and followed by pilot cars equipped with a lighted rotating or flashing amber light mounted on top of the highest part of the vehicles that is visible for a minimum of five hundred feet [152.4 meters].

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