

How to Move/Transport

A moving permit is always required. For details contact the Motor Carrier Division at 1-800-299-1700.

- **Mobile and HUD Code Manufactured Homes:** *Mobile home permit is \$40 and a HUD label or serial number is required.*
- **Travel trailers and Park Models**
 1. **Under 8'6" in width or 45' in length**
Temporary registration is required and fee may vary.
 2. **Over 8'6" in width or 45' in length**
General oversize/overweight permit and temporary registration is required. Fees may vary.



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800-299-1700

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1 - I bought this "Park Model" that is over 400 square feet and neither the Texas Dept. of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) nor the Manufactured Housing Division (MDH) will issue me title...why?

Answer: Both the TxDMV and the MHD are restricted to titling only units meeting established definitions, dimensions, and construction standards defined by state and federal regulations.

The unit you describe is too large in square footage to be titled as a motor vehicle and is not certified by Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Question 2 - If I can't get a title how do I prove ownership?

Answer: Proof of ownership can be demonstrated through a Bill of Sale.

Question 3 - Is a title required to move my home?

Answer: No. For a mobile or HUD Code manufactured home, the Motor Carrier Division requires a HUD Label Number or serial number. For anything else, a general permit can be purchased to move the unit.

Question 4 - When I bought my park model I didn't realize it couldn't be titled and I'm wanting to file for an exemption on my property taxes. What do I do?

Answer: If you own (or are buying) your land, you may be able to combine your park model as an improvement to the property. Consult with your local county appraisal district on recording your name on the tax roll, and qualifying for homestead exemptions, disability, over 65, etc.

Question 5 - Can the city or county keep me from installing my home on my property?

Answer: Yes. Zoning requirements and deed restrictions can prohibit the installation of a mobile home, HUD Code manufactured home, or park model, just to name a few.

Mobile Housing Units

Know The Facts

Transportable mobile units which are designed for temporary, seasonal, and permanent living quarters may or may not be regulated.



General Information provided by:

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Manufactured Housing Division
800-500-7074
Ext. 54733

REGULATED

Recreational Vehicles

A recreational vehicle is defined under Federal Rule 24 C.F.R. 3282.8(g) as a vehicle which is:

- built on a single chassis
- 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections • self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Recreational vehicles include:

➤ Park Models

Constructed **UNDER** 400 square feet when measured at the largest horizontal projections, and may not exceed the above mentioned square feet.

➤ Travel Trailer

Constructed less than eight 8' in width and less than 40' in length (not including the hitch).

Units such as travel trailers and park models are generally intended for temporary, seasonal, or recreational use only.



http://dmv.state.tx.us/vehicles/titles/title_vehicle.htm

(512) 465-7611

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Mobile Homes

Constructed before June 15, 1976, built on a permanent chassis, designed for use as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation transportable in one or more sections, at least 8' X 40' or at least 320 square feet when erected on site.

HUD Code Manufactured Homes

Constructed after June 15, 1976, built on a permanent chassis, designed for use as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation, transportable in one or more sections, at least 8' X 40' or at least 320 square feet when erected on site.

HUD Code manufactured homes have a red aluminum tag attached to the end of the home (opposite the hitch).



Mobile homes and HUD Code manufactured homes are regulated and titled by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Manufactured Housing Division.



www.tdhca.state.tx.us/mh/index.htm

800-500-7074

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UNREGULATED

Mobile Housing

Park Models over 400 square feet –

There are some park models that were built in excess of the 400 square feet maximum permitted by federal and state law and are not certified as HUD Code.

- These units **CANNOT** be titled by any state or county agency.
- Local zoning ordinances may prohibit placement of certain mobile units.
- Placement of a home within a zoned area may require a permit or the approval of the city or county.
- When combined with the real estate as an improvement:
 - Homeowner may be able to register unit with the County Appraisal District for tax exemptions.
 - Homeowner may be able to secure a homeowner's insurance policy.
- When **not** combined with real property:
 - These units generally do not qualify for insurance coverage
 - Ownership is conveyed through a bill of sale.