

**Sandoval County, New Mexico**  
**Ordinance No. 08-01-17.10**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MOVEMENT OF MANUFACTURED (MOBILE)  
HOMES INTO, WITHIN OR OUT OF THE COUNTY OF SANDOVAL,  
PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT; REGISTRATION PLATES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES  
FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.**

(1) This Ordinance shall be referred to as the **Sandoval County Manufactured (Mobile) Home Ordinance.**

(2) This Ordinance shall apply to all streets and highways under the jurisdiction of the County of Sandoval, State of New Mexico and within the reasonable exercise of the police power of said county. (Section 66-7-9, NMSA, 1978 Compilation, as amended)

(3) Section 66-1-4.11. DEFINITIONS. - As used in the Motor Vehicle Code: B. Manufactured (Mobile) Home defined: A “ ‘manufactured home’ means a movable or portable housing structure that exceeds either a width of eight feet or a length of forty feet, constructed to be towed on its own chassis and designed to be installed with or without a permanent foundation for human occupancy” as a residence and which may include one or more components that can be retracted for towing purposes and, subsequently, expanded for additional capacity, or may be two or more units separately towable but designed to be joined into one integral unit as well as a single unit. Manufactured or Mobile Home does not include recreational vehicles or modular or pre-manufactured homes, built to Uniform Building Home standards designed to be permanently affixed to real property at ground level installation with ground anchors.

(4) Pursuant to State Statute 66-7-413 G and except as provided in section (6) of this Ordinance, no movement of a Manufactured (Mobile) Home which originates in this County shall be permitted until the owner of such Manufactured (Mobile) Home or his/her agent obtains and presents to the Motor Transportation Division proof that a Tax Release has been signed by the Sandoval County Treasurer showing that either:

(a) all property taxes due or to become due on the Manufactured (Mobile) Home for the current year and /or past tax years have been paid, except for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes located on an Indian reservation; or

(b) No liability for property taxes on the Manufactured (Mobile) Home exists for the current year or any past tax years, except for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes located on an Indian reservation.

(5) In addition to the Tax Release, a certificate from the Sandoval County Treasurer shall be issued authorizing the movement of any Manufactured (Mobile) home to be moved. The certificate shall be of a size and color to be prescribed by said Treasurer and sufficient to easily identify the mobile home to law enforcement as having been certified by the County Treasurer. The certificate shall contain an expiration date which shall be no later than thirty (30) days from the date of issuance and will accompany the issuance of the Tax Release provided for in Section 4.

(6) Pursuant to State Statute 66-7-413 H, the movement of a Manufactured (Mobile) Home from the lot or business location of a Manufactured (Mobile) Home dealer to its destination designated by the owner-purchaser is not subject to the requirements of section (4) above if the movement originated from the lot or business location of the dealer and the Manufactured (Mobile) Home was part of his inventory prior to the sale to the owner/purchaser. The movement of a Manufactured (Mobile) Home by a dealer or his authorized agent as a result of a sale or trade-in from a non-dealer, still constitutes the owner as subject to the requirements of this Ordinance regardless of the destination or the origination of the Manufactured (Mobile) Home.

(7) The Certificate from the County Treasurer shall be attached to the Manufactured (Mobile) Home in a conspicuous location on the rear of said Manufactured (Mobile) Home during movement over any street or highway under the jurisdiction of Sandoval County.

(8) No Certificate shall be issued by the County Treasurer in accordance with section (4) above unless the destination has a municipal address or county address assigned under the County Rural Addressing system. If the destination is a location within the County for which a rural county address is not available, then the person requesting the Certificate shall give a physical description of the destination sufficient to enable the County Treasurer to identify the actual site or location to which the Manufactured (Mobile) Home is being moved.

(9) No person who is the owner, purchaser, lessee, renter or who is the agent or employee of any owner, purchaser, lessee, renter or who has custody and control of said Manufactured (Mobile) Home shall suffer or permit the movement of said Manufactured (Mobile) Home unless the person shall have first affixed said Certificate to the Manufactured (Mobile) Home as required by section (7) above.

(10) No person shall move a Manufactured (Mobile) Home unless the Certificate required by this Ordinance shall have been obtained and affixed to said Manufactured (Mobile) Home as required by this Ordinance.

(11) Prosecution or conviction under this Ordinance shall not discharge the obligation for the payment of any taxes due under the laws of the State of New Mexico.

(12) 66-3-1. VEHICLES SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION-EXCEPTIONS.-C. (Laws 2007, Chapter 320, Section 1) 18.19 NMAC. "Every manufactured home shall be subject to the registration and certificate of title provisions of the Motor Vehicle code, and each manufactured home shall at all times bear a current registration plate."

(13) Any person violating the terms of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) or imprisonment for ninety (90) days or both. The fine shall be payable only by cash, cashier's check or money order.

(14) This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Sandoval County Board of Commissioners and authentication and recordation by the Sandoval County Clerk pursuant to Section 4-37-9 C. NMSA 1978 Compilation.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008**

**Sandoval County Board of Commissioners:**

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