

PROPOSED RULE
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PROPOSED RULE: A rule requiring an intrastate motor carrier of household goods to maintain facilities within the State of Oklahoma.

(a) An intrastate motor carrier of household goods shall maintain a permanent facility in the state. A permanent facility shall mean a fixed place of business through which the business of the motor carrier of household goods is wholly or partly carried on. The place of business shall be a designated building or physical location used by the motor carrier of household goods for the conduct of its business, and the motor carrier of household goods use of such building or other physical location shall be more than casual or temporary. The permanent facility may include a place of management, a branch, an office, or a terminal. The permanent facility may be operated by an employee of the motor carrier of household goods or a resident agent thereof, provided that the resident agent routinely exercises the authority to conclude transportation contracts in the name of the motor carrier of household goods.

(b) An intrastate motor carrier of household goods shall register the address and telephone number of its permanent establishment with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Service of process with respect to all civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings brought before any court or administrative agency located in the state may be served on the carrier at its permanent establishment by any means provided by the applicable rules or procedure for that court or agency providing service of process.

(c) Should the intrastate motor carrier of household goods cease to maintain a permanent facility in the state, its authority to operate as an intrastate motor carrier of household goods in Oklahoma shall be immediately suspended.

AUTHORITY: 47 O.S. § 162(B).