

**A MODEL TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**  
**Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Vermont**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1007 and 1008, and Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated Sections 1971 and 2291 (1)(4) and (5), and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Vermont.

**ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of 23 V.S.A. § 4 are incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE II: SCOPE**

The ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Vermont.

**ARTICLE III: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device except in response to the direction of a law enforcement officer.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter or tamper with any traffic control device.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device that may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Board of Selectmen.

**ARTICLE IV: SPEED REGULATIONS**

On the basis of engineering and traffic studies, the following speed limits are hereby established.

T.H. #1 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. from the intersection of Vt. Route \_\_ easterly to the intersection of T.H. #2, then a maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. from the intersection of T.H. #3 easterly and southerly to the \_\_\_\_\_ Town Line.

T.H. #2 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from the intersection of Vt. Route \_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ Town Line.

T.H. #3 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from the intersection of T.H.#1 to the \_\_\_\_\_ Town Line.

T.H. #4 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length.

T.H. #6 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from the intersection of Vt. Route \_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ Town Line.

- T.H. #7 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from the intersection of Vt. Route \_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ Town Line.
- T.H. #8 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length.
- T.H. #16 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from the intersection of T.H.#20.
- T.H. #26 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for it's entire length.
- T.H. #31 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. from they intersection of Vt. Route \_\_ extending easterly a distance of 0.83 miles east of Vt. Route \_\_, to the intersection of T.H. #1.

The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with the standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and shall be in effect when so posted.

## **ARTICLE V: STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS**

Section 1. The following intersections shall be designated as stop intersections and shall be so signed:

- T.H. #4 entering T.H. #3
- T.H. #16 entering T.H. #3
- T.H. #18 entering T.H. #3
- T.H. #24 entering T.H. #3

Section 2. The following intersections shall be designated as “yield” intersections and shall be so signed:

- T.H. #3 entering T.H. #1
- T.H. #4 entering T.H. #1
- T.H. #28 entering T.H. #4

## **ARTICLE VI: PARKING REGULATIONS**

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on either side of T.H. #1 from the intersection of Vt. Route \_\_ easterly for a distance of 45 feet.

Section 2 It shall be unlawful to park on the south side of T.H. #1 from a point 215 feet east of Vt. Route \_\_ easterly to the covered bridge.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on T.H. #24 between the intersection of Vt. Route \_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ town line.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful to park on T.H. #1 between the intersections of Vt. Route \_\_ and the covered bridge, and within any municipal parking lot between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. from November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Section 5. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner or selectman.

Section 6. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 5 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within 30 days of the date of such removal, the title to such vehicle shall escheat to the Town and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 11.

Section 7. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DESIGNATED ONE-WAY STREETS**

The following street or portion of said street is hereby designated as a one-way street and the direction of travel shall be as follows.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Street: Legal direction of travel, from intersection of \_\_\_\_\_ Street and Vermont State Highway Route No. \_\_ shall be south to the intersection of \_\_\_\_\_ Street and \_\_\_\_\_ Street.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Road: Legal direction of travel, from intersection of \_\_\_\_\_ Road with \_\_\_\_\_ Road, shall be west to the intersection of \_\_\_\_\_ Road with \_\_\_\_\_ Road.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: LOADED VEHICLES**

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded so as to prevent its contents from dropping, sitting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

#### **ARTICLE IX: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Separate Offenses: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2. Penalties: The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

Section 3. Severability: The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provisions hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.

Section 4. Designation: This ordinance may be referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ Traffic Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of this ordinance shall be a sufficient reference hereto.

Section 5. Repeal of Prior Ordinances: Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication and Posting: This ordinance shall be published in the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ and shall be filed with the \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of \_\_\_\_\_ at its meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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