

**TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**  
**Town of Wilmington, Vermont**

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## Town of Wilmington, Vermont

### Statement of Purpose

This Ordinance has been adopted for the purpose of protecting public health, safety, order, and convenience.

### Statutory Authority

This Ordinance has been promulgated under the authority granted the Town's Legislative Body by the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 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.

## ARTICLE I PRINCIPAL PROVISIONS

The ordinance establishes special parking and traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Wilmington, Vermont.

## ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

**The definitions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by reference.** Except as may be otherwise provided herein, and unless the context otherwise requires, the following additional definitions shall apply in the interpretation in this Traffic Ordinance:

**Either Side Of:** As used in the Article VI "Parking Regulations", unless otherwise specified herein, "Either Side Of" shall mean that portion of the highway which is meant for and normally used for travel.

**Intersection:** That area of two or more streets which join one another at an angle (whether or not crossing another) through which motor vehicles must pass when traveling from one street to another.

**Parking:** The stopping or standing on a street of any vehicle whether occupied or unoccupied.

**Sidewalk:** That portion of the public right-of-way which is set apart for public pedestrian travel.

**Traffic Sign:** Any traffic light, blinker, sign, signal or marking placed by the Selectboard or Traffic Committee of the State of Vermont for the regulation of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or of parking, and any sign, signal or marking placed by a Police Officer to designate temporary regulations.

**Vehicle:** Any contrivance capable of being used for the conveyance of persons or goods on land, except light carriages for use by children or disabled persons.

**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 which may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Wilmington Selectboard.

**ARTICLE IV  
SPEED REGULATIONS**

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

- T.H. # 1 (Coldbrook Road):** A maximum speed of 45 m.p.h. for its entire length from its intersection with VT Route 100 to the Wilmington/Dover Town Line.
- T.H. # 2 (East Dover Road):** A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. for its entire length from its intersection with VT Route 100 to the Wilmington/Dover Town Line.
- T.H. # 3 (Higley Hill Road):** A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. for its entire length from its intersection with VT Route 100 to the Wilmington/Marlboro Town Line.
- T.H. #4 (Lake Raponda Road):** A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from its intersection with VT Route 9 to its intersection with T.H. #26 (Ballou Hill Road), and then a maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. from its intersection with T.H. #26 (Ballou Hill Road) to its intersection with T.H. # 25N (Old Stage Road), and then a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from its intersection with T.H. # 25N (Old Stage Road) to its intersection with T.H. #3 (Higley Hill Road).
- T.H #6 (Look Rd):** A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for its entire length from its intersection with Coldbrook Rd.
- T.H. #8 (Ray Hill Road):** A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. from its intersection with VT Route 9 to private road Pasture Lane and a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from its intersection with private road Pasture Lane to its intersection with T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road).
- T.H. #9-10 (Haystack Road):** A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. from its intersection with VT Route 9 to its intersection with T.H. # 46 (Chimney Hill Road), then a maximum of 30 m.p.h. from its intersection with T.H. # 46 (Chimney Hill Road) to its intersection with T.H. # 47 (Forbush Road).
- T.H. #14 (Old Ark Road):** A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
- T.H. #15 (Smith Road):** A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
- T.H. #17 (Haynes Road):** A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
- T.H. #18 (Brown Road):** A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.

<b>T.H. #21 (Stowe Hill Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from its intersection with VT Route 100 to the entrance of Riverview Cemetery and a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. from Riverview Cemetery to T.H. # 76 (Top of Hill Road) and a maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. from T.H. # 76 (Top of Hill Road) to its intersection with T.H. # 4 (Lake Raponda Road).
<b>T.H. #23 (Whites Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #26 (Ballou Hill Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #32 (Fairview Avenue):</b>	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #33S (Castle Hill Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #33N (South Main Street):</b>	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T. H. #34 (Boyd Hill Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #38 (Green Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #40 (Shearer Hill Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for its entire length from its intersection with VT Route 9 to the Wilmington/Marlboro Town Line.
<b>T.H. #41 (Parsons Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for its entire length from its intersection with T.H. # 40 (Shearer Hill Road) to the Wilmington/Whitingham Town Line.
<b>T.H. #45 (Town Farm Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #46 (Chimney Hill Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #48 (Mann Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #61 (Lisle Hill Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T. H. #64 (Beaver Street):</b>	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #68-67 (Sun and Ski Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #75 (Old Town Road):</b>	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for its entire length.
<b>T.H. #81 (Wilmington Heights):</b>	A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for its entire length.

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.

**Speed limits on VT Route 9 (East Main St and West Main St) and VT Route 100 (North Main St) shall be the same as posted by the state of Vermont and enforceable under this regulation.**

## ARTICLE V STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

**Section 1:** The following intersections shall be designated as STOP intersections, and shall be so signed:

- T.H. # 1 (Coldbrook Road) entering VT Route 100
- T.H. # 2 (East Dover Road) entering VT Route 100
- T.H. # 2 (East Dover Road) entering Dover T.H. Dorr Fitch Road
- T.H. # 3 (Higley Hill Road) entering VT Route 100

T.H. # 4 (Lake Raponda Road) entering T.H. # 3 (Higley Hill Road)	all be so
T.H. # 4 (Lake Raponda Road) entering VT Route 9	
T.H. # 5 (Mountain View Road) entering T.H. # 25S (Ware Road)	00
T.H. # 6 (Look Road) entering T.H. # 1 (Coldbrook Road)	
T.H. # 7 (Wellman Road) entering T.H. # 1 (Coldbrook Road)	
T.H. # 8 (Ray Hill Road) entering VT Route 9	
T.H. # 8 (Ray Hill Road) entering T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road)	
T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road) entering T.H. # 91 (Poplar Road)	
T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road) entering T.H. # 47 (Forbush Road)	
T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road) entering VT Route 9	
T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road) heading southerly entering T.H. #46 (Chimney Hill Road)	
T.H. # 11 (Aldrich Road) entering T.H. # 8 (Ray Hill Road)	
T.H. # 12 (Beebe Road) entering T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road)	
T.H. # 14 (Old Ark Road) entering VT Route 100	
T.H. # 15 (Smith Road) entering T.H. # 2 (East Dover Road)	
T.H. # 16 (Atherton Road) entering T.H. # 3 (Higley Hill Road)	
T.H. # 17 (Haynes Road) entering T.H. # 3 (Higley Hill Road)	
T.H. # 17 (Haynes Road) entering T.H. # 18 (Brown Road)	r Street)
T.H. # 20 (Corbat Road) entering T.H. # 21 (Stowe Hill Road)	
T.H. # 21 (Stowe Hill Road) entering T.H. # 4 (Lake Raponda Road)	oad) from its
T.H. # 21 (Stowe Hill Road) entering VT Route 100	# 46
T.H. # 22 (Adams Drive) entering VT Route 100	
T.H. # 22 (Adams Drive) entering T.H. # 21 (Stowe Hill Road)	
T.H. # 23 (Whites Road) entering T.H. # 21 (Stowe Hill Road)	) the entire
T.H. # 23 (Whites Road) entering VT Route 9	
T.H. # 24 (Woffenden Road) entering VT Route 100	
T.H. # 25 S (Ware Road) entering T.H. # 4 (Lake Raponda Road)	
T.H. # 25 N (Old Stage Road) entering T.H. # 4 (Lake Raponda Road)	ad) the entire
T.H. # 26 (Ballou Hill Road) entering T.H. # 4 (Lake Raponda Road)	
T.H. # 26 (Ballou Hill Road) entering VT Route 9	
T.H. # 27 (Hall Road) entering VT Route 9	ain Street)
T.H. # 28 (Larson Road) entering VT Route 9	H. # 56
T.H. # 30 (Woods Road) entering VT Route 9	
T.H. # 32 (Fairview Ave) entering T.H. # 33S (Castle Hill Road)	in Street)
T.H. # 34 (Boyd Hill Road) entering T.H. # 33S (Castle Hill Road)	iereof to its
T.H. # 34 (Boyd Hill Road) entering VT Route 100	Clarence
T.H. # 35 (Dix Road) entering VT Route 100	
T.H. # 36 (Minor Road) entering T.H. # 69-70 (Rader Road)	oad) from
T.H. # 37 (Riley Boyd Road) entering T.H. # 34 (Boyd Hill Road)	l Elwell
T.H. # 38 (Green Road) entering VT Route 100	# 33S (Castle
T.H. # 39 (Hebard Road) entering VT Route 100	
T.H. # 40 (Shearer Hill Road) entering VT Route 9	) the entire
T.H. # 43 (Turner Road) entering VT Route 100	
T.H. # 45 (Town Farm Road) entering T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road)	
T.H. # 47 (Forbush Road) entering T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road)	

- Section 10:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time on either side of T.H. # 65 (School Street) the entire length thereof.
- Section 11:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time on either side of VT Route 9 from its intersection with VT Route 100 to a point 20 feet west of its intersection with T.H. # 08 (Ray Hill Road).
- Section 12:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the northerly side of VT Route 9 west from its intersection with VT Route 100 North to T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road) except for the following:
- It shall be lawful to park on the northerly side of Route 9 West for a distance of 473 feet beginning at a point 20 feet from its intersection with T.H. # 8 (Ray Hill Road).
- Section 13:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the southerly side of VT Route 9 West from its intersection with VT Route 100 North to T.H. # 9-10 (Haystack Road) except for the following:
- It shall be lawful to park on the southerly side of Route 9 West for a distance of 613 feet beginning at a point 190 feet from its intersection with VT Route 100 North.
- Section 14:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the southerly side of VT Route 9 easterly from its intersection with T.H. # 63 (Church Street) to a point .3 miles east of T.H. # 33N (South Main Street).
- Section 15:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the northerly side of VT Route 9 easterly from the easterly boundary line of the Town Hall property, so-called, to VT State Bridge # 32.
- Section 16:** In order to facilitate snow removal, it shall be unlawful to park (where parking is otherwise permitted) from 3 a.m. until 6 a.m. from November 15 until April 15 at the following locations:
- a. Both sides of VT Route 9 easterly from the 1836 Country Store Complex to VT State Bridge # 32.
  - b. Both sides of VT Route 100 northerly from the traffic light to the Old Red Mill.
  - c. Both sides of T.H. # 33N (South Main Street) from its intersection with VT Route 9 to its intersection with T.H. # 56 (Shafter Street).
- Section 17:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time on either side of the portion of T.H. #34 (Boyd Hill Road) from the entrance gate to Ward's Cove Beach and Picnic Area northerly toward VT Route 100 a distance of 1,100 feet and from the entrance gate westerly toward T.H. #33 (Castle Hill Road), a distance of 1,100 feet.
- Section 18:** It shall be unlawful to park or stand at any time on either side of the portion of TH #32 (Fairview Ave) from #257 West to the gated access at Mountain Mills Recreation Area.
- Section 19:** From November 1 until April 30 it shall be unlawful to park at any time on Either Side of any road, the entire length thereof, within the area in Wilmington known as "Chimney Hill". *For purposes of this section "Either Side" shall mean the entire town roadway right-of-way.*
- Section 20:** Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of an enforcement officer or official traffic-control device, no person may:

1. Stop, stand, or park a vehicle:
  - a. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
  - b. On a sidewalk;
  - c. Within an intersection;
  - d. On a crosswalk;
  - e. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
  - f. Upon any bridge;
  - g. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
2. Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger:
  - a. In front of a public or private driveway;
  - b. Within six feet of a fire hydrant;
  - c. Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; or
  - d. Within thirty feet upon the approach to any stop sign located at the side of the roadway;
  - e. Within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite and within seventy-five feet of the entrance to any fire station, when properly sign posted.

**Section 20: On streets not prohibiting parking** it shall be unlawful to leave a vehicle continuously parked for a length of time beyond what is posted for that street.

**Section 21:** It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle on a street in a manner so as to interfere with the removal of snow from the street.

**Section 22:** It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle that displays advertising of saleable merchandise, beyond the business identification, on any street or in any designated municipal parking area.

**Section 23: Municipal Parking Lots:** It shall be unlawful to leave a vehicle continuously parked in a municipal parking area for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

**Section 24:** Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations may be towed by order of any law enforcement officer, the Wilmington road supervisor, town manager, or fire chief at the expense of the owner. In addition to towing, a penalty as defined in Article VII, Section 1 (n.) of this Ordinance shall be assessed for each violation.

**Section 25:** If the owner of a vehicle removed under section 24 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing, storage expenses, and penalties within thirty (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 26:** 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 PENALTIES

All fines are automatically doubled if not paid within seven (7) of issuance of ticket.

### Section 1: Parking Fines:

The fine for Parking:

- a. On the sidewalk shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- b. Within an intersection shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- c. On a crosswalk shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- d. Obstructing traffic shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- e. Upon a bridge shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- f. In any "no parking" zone shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- g. Overtime parking in any parking zone shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- h. Parking in no parking zones shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).
- i. Parking in handicapped parking spots shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- j. Parking on streets not prohibiting parking for a length of time beyond what is posted shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- k. Parking a vehicle on a street in a manner so as to interfere with the removal of snow from the street shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- l. Parking a vehicle displaying advertising of merchandise for sale on any street or in any designated municipal parking area shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- m. Parking a vehicle continuously parked in a municipal parking area for more than twenty-four (24) hours shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
- n. First offense for parking on any road within Chimney Hill, as defined in Article VI subsection 18 of this Ordinance, shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). *Any subsequent offense with same vehicle from November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup> and within one year from previous offense shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per subsequent offense.*

The fine for Standing or Parking a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger:

1. In front of a public or private driveway shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
2. Within six feet of a fire hydrant shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
3. Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
4. Within thirty feet upon the approach to any stop sign located at the side of the roadway shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);
5. Within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite and within seventy-five feet of the entrance to any fire station, when properly sign posted shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);

**Section 2:** Penalties for violations other than parking shall be as set forth in Title 23, Vermont State Statutes, as amended.



**ARTICLE VIII  
PEDESTRIANS**

**Section 1: Crosswalks:** Except on a state highway, crosswalks shall be located at the discretion of the Selectboard. Crosswalks shall be marked in accordance with Title 23, V.S.A., Section 1025, as amended.

**Section 2: Soliciting Rides:** It shall be unlawful for any person to stand in the street or on a sidewalk for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the operator of any vehicle.

**ARTICLE IX  
DESIGNATED ONE-WAY STREETS**

It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle on a one-way street except in the indicated direction. The following streets or portion of said streets is hereby designated as one-way streets and the direction of travel shall be as follows:

- Church Street:** One-way travel only from intersection of VT Route 9 and T.H. # 63 (Church Street) south to the Town Parking Lot. Vehicles may travel north and south from intersection of T.H. # 63 (Church Street) and the Town Parking Lot shall be north and south to T.H. # 64 (Beaver Street)
- Sturgis Road:** One-way travel only from intersection of T.H. # 78 (Sturgis Road) with TH. # 48 (Mann Road) north to the intersection of # 78 (Sturgis Road) with TH. # 1 (Coldbrook Road).
- Myhre Hill Road:** One-way travel only from intersection of TH #77 (Myhre Hill Road) with TH #1 (Coldbrook Road) to the intersection of TH # 77 (Myhre Hill Road) with TH #6 (Look Road).
- Howes Loop Road:** One-way travel only, from November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup>, of TH #103 Howes Loop south between its intersection with TH #103 Three Streams Way and Lower Howes Road.

**ARTICLE X  
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 provision hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

**Section 4. Designation:**

This ordinance may be referred to as the Wilmington Traffic Ordinance of 2010 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:**

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Wilmington is hereby repealed.

**Section 6. Publication and Posting:**

This Ordinance shall be entered in the Selectboard minutes, filed with the Town Clerk, and posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the Town. A summary of this Ordinance shall be published in the Deerfield Valley News not later than fourteen (14) days following the date specified below when this Ordinance is adopted.

**Section 7. Right to Petition:**

Citizens of the Town of Wilmington are further hereby notified that within forty-four (44) days from the date of adoption they may petition for a vote on the above Ordinance at an annual or special meeting as provided in 24 V.S.A. 1973.

**Section 8. Adoption/Effective Date:**

This Ordinance is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington on this the sixth day of October, 2020 and shall, unless a petition is filed as provided by law, become effective upon sixty (60) days from this date.

**Wilmington Selectboard**

  
Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

  
John Gannon, Vice Chair

  
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