

# **TOWN OF STRAFFORD**

## **TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**

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 Strafford that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Strafford, Vermont.

### **ARTICLE I PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public health and safety by establishing safe speed limits on certain town highways in the Town of Strafford.

### **ARTICLE II SCOPE**

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

### **ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of Title 23, V.S.A., Section 4, are incorporated by reference.

### **ARTICLE IV TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

**Section 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey 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 Town of Strafford, Board of Selectmen.

### **ARTICLE V SPEED REGULATIONS**

Based on an independent analysis by the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission transportation planner in consultation with the Town Constable and the Board of Selectmen, employing a combination of traffic engineering studies and in consideration of road conditions, geometrics and abutting land uses, the following speed limits, as also indicated on the Town of Strafford Speed Limit Zone Map, which is incorporated by reference and available in the Strafford Town Office, are hereby established and

described below. The depiction of Speed Limit Zones and other details on the Map or on any supplemental visual aid, including for signage, are to enable visualization of the Speed Limit Zones and other details, but the provisions set forth in this Ordinance shall control in the event of any ambiguity or discrepancy with the Map. The speed limits shall be posted in accordance with standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

**T.H.#1 (Route 132):**

- A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. beginning at the Thetford Town Line westerly and terminating 0.1 east of the intersection of TH#37 (Whitcomb Hill Road).
- A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. beginning 0.1 mile east of the intersection of Th#37 (Whitcomb Hill Road) and terminating 0.1 mile southwesterly of TH#47 (Old Moses Road).
- A maximum speed of 45 m.p.h. beginning 0.1 mile southwest of TH#47 (Old Moses Road) and extending southwesterly to the Sharon Town Line.

**T.H.#2 (Justin Smith Morrill Memorial Highway):**

- A maximum of 30 m.p.h. beginning at T.H.#1 (Route 132) in South Strafford Village westerly 0.1 mile.
- A maximum of 40 m.p.h. from the end of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit zone in South Strafford Village northerly to the present 30 m.p.h. speed limit zone (Strafford Village).
- A maximum of 30 m.p.h. beginning 0.1 mile south of the intersection of T.H.#51 (Eastburn Road), extending northerly and terminating 0.1 mile southeasterly of T.H. #6 (Old City Falls Road).
- A maximum of 45 m.p.h. beginning 0.1 mile southeast of T.H.#6 (Old City Falls Road) and extending northwesterly to the Tunbridge Town Line.

**T.H.#3 (Miller Pond Road)**

- A maximum of 40 m.p.h. the entire length of T.H.#3 from the Thetford Town Line to the Vershire Town Line.

**T.H.#4 (Mine Road)**

- A maximum of 30 m.p.h. beginning 0.1 mile east of the intersection of T.H.#39 (Tyson Road) and then westerly to the intersection of T.H.#1 (Route 132) in South Strafford Village.
- A maximum of 40 m.p.h. from 0.1 east of the intersection of T.H.#39 and then easterly to the Thetford Town line.

**T.H.#5 (Brook Road)**

- A maximum of 30 m.p.h. from the intersection of T.H.#2 (Morrill Highway) in Strafford Village westerly to 0.1 mile south of the intersection of T.H.#27 (Wetmore Road).
- A maximum of 45 m.p.h. southerly from 0.1 mile south of T.H.#27 (Wetmore Road) to the Sharon Town Line.

**T.H.#6 (Old City Falls Road)**

- A maximum of 45 m.p.h. from the intersection with T.H.#2 (Morrill Highway) northerly to the Vershire Town Line.

**T.H.#39 (Tyson Road)**

- A maximum of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length from the intersection of T.H.#1 (Route 132) to T.H.#4 (Mine Road).

**ARTICLE VI  
STOP INTERSECTIONS**

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

- T.H.#1 (Route 132) entering South Strafford Village at T.H.#2 (Justin Morrill Memorial Highway)
- T.H.#2 (Morrill Highway) entering T.H.#1 (Route 132)
- T.H.#4 (Mine Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#37 (Whitcomb Hill Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#39 (Tyson Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#69 (Furnace Flat Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#48 (Downer Forest Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#47 (Old Moses Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#46 (Lent Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#59 (Blanchard Road) entering T.H.#1
- T.H.#6 (Old City Falls Road) entering T.H.#2 (Morrill Highway)

**ARTICLE VII  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. SEPARATE OFFENSES:**

Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

**SECTION 2. PENALTIES:**

- A. This shall be a civil ordinance which shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A., Sections 1974a and 1977 et seq., as amended, or through any Vermont court having proper jurisdiction.
- B. The penalty for violation of any of the above speed limits shall be that set by the Schedule of fines established by the State of Vermont.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY:**

If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4. DESIGNATIONS:**

This ordinance may be referred to as the Town of Strafford 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 thereto.

**SECTION 5. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES:**

Any other ordinance of traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Strafford is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS:**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Town Constable, if a properly qualified law enforcement officer, or by any officer of the Orange County Sheriff's Department or by any other Vermont law enforcement officer.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Strafford Board of Selectmen. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A., Section 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

  
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Signatures

September 15, 2010  
Date

**ADOPTION HISTORY:**

1. Agenda item at regular Selectboard meeting held on \*The following dates
2. Read and approved at regular Selectboard meeting on September 15, 2010 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on September 22, 2010
3. Posted in public places on September 23, 2010
4. Notice of adoption published in the Valley News on 9/24/2010 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]

- \* 4/21/2010
- 4/28/2010
- 5/26/2010
- 6/2/2010
- 6/16/2010
- 6/23/2010
- 7/28/2010
- 8/4/2010
- 8/11/2010
- 8/18/2010
- 8/25/2010
- 9/8/2010
- 9/15/2010