

**TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT**

**ARTICLE I
AUTHORITY**

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

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE III
SCOPE**

The ordinance established special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Fairfield, Vermont.

**ARTICLE IV
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 Fairfield Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE V SPEED REGULATIONS

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

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| TH 1 (South Rd.) - | A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of VT 36 to ¼ mile south, then a maximum speed of 50mph to the Fletcher town line. |
| TH 4 (Pond Rd.) - | A maximum speed of 40 mph from the intersection of North Road (TH 1) to the intersection of Sheldon Woods Road (TH 5) with the exception of the recreational area at the public beach on Fairfield Pond where the maximum limit shall be 30mph. |
| TH 36 (New St.) - | A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of VT 36 to the end of the paved portion of TH 36. |
| TH 79 (Kane Rd.) - | A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of VT 36 to the end |
| TH 6 (Swamp Rd.) | A maximum speed of 40 mph from the intersection of VT 36 to the Fairfax town line |
| TH 5 (Sweet Hollow Rd) | A maximum speed of 35 MPH from the Fairfield/Sheldon town line to the Fairfield/Swanton town line. |
| TH5 (Sheldon Woods Rd) | A maximum speed of 40 mph from the Fairfield/Sheldon town line to Pond Road. |
| TH 59 (West St.) | A maximum speed of 40 mph from the intersection of VT 36 to the Fairfax town line |
| TH 18 (Duffy Hill Rd.) | A maximum speed of 40 mph from the intersection of Chester Arthur Rd. to the Fairfield/Sheldon town line. |
| TH 1 (North Rd) | A maximum speed of 25mph from Rt. 36 to 224 North Road, 50mph from 224 North Road to St. Rocks, 40mph from St. Rocks to the ledges north of Pond Road, and then 50mph to Sheldon/Fairfield Town Line as posted. |

The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on Vermont Route 36 within the Town of Fairfield shall be the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont and is attached hereto for reference.

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 VI STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

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

Duffy Hill Rd. (TH 18) & Chester Arthur Rd. (TH 2)
Dodd Rd. (TH 34) & Chester Arthur Rd. (TH 2)
Pond Rd. (TH 4) & North Rd. (TH 1)
Pond Rd. (TH 4) & Sheldon Woods Rd. (TH 5)
Bradley Rd. (TH 57) & South Rd. (TH 1)
West St. (TH 58) & Bradley Rd. (TH 57)
West St. (TH 59) & Bradley Rd. (TH 57)
Pumpkin Village Rd. (TH 14) & Duffy Hill Rd. (TH 18)
Swamp Road (TH 55) & VT 36
Pion Rd. (TH 39) & VT 36
West St. (TH 58) & VT 36
Bradley Rd. (TH 57) & VT 36
Hill Rd. (TH 40) & VT 36
North Rd. (TH 1) & VT 36
South Rd. (TH 1) & VT 36
Gilbert Hill Rd. (TH 43) & VT 36
TH 44 & VT 36
TH 45 & VT 36
TH 80 & VT 36
TH 31 & VT 36
TH 72 & VT 36
TH 71 & VT 36
New St. (TH 36) & VT 36
Church Rd. (TH 26) & North Rd. (TH1)
Lapland Rd. (TH 50) & VT 36
TH 73 & VT 36
Castle Rd. (TH38) & Church Rd. (TH26)
St. Pierre Rd. at Rugg Rd
St. Pierre Rd. at Swamp Rd
Gillin Rd. at Rugg Rd.
Wanzer Rd. at Pumpkin Village Rd.
Tiffany Rd. at Pumpkin Village Rd.
Talcott Rd. at Pumpkin Village Rd.

Section 2. The following intersections shall be designated as YIELD intersections and shall be so signed:

Howrigan Rd. (TH 70) & South Rd. (TH 1)
Chester Arthur Rd (TH 2) & North Rd.

ARTICLE VII SCHOOL BUS/PLOW TURN-AROUNDS

The following roads have a designated school bus/plow turn-around at the end of the Town of Fairfield maintained portion of the road. No vehicles or other obstructions can be left in the turn-around. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's risk and expense.

Northrup Road
Ridge Rd.
Ridge Rd. Extension North
Menard Rd.
Mitchell Rd.
Castle Rd.
Lapland Rd.
Lapland Rd. Extension
Metcalf Pond Rd.
Fox Hill Rd.
Elm Brook Rd.
Pond Rd.

ARTICLE VIII PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. No Parking areas

- A.** It shall be unlawful to park at anytime on the traveled portion of New Street and on Park St. adjacent and across from the fire station as designated by no parking signs.
- B.** It shall be unlawful to park at anytime within 25 feet of the intersection of Mill Street and Vermont Route 36 as designated by no parking signs.
- C.** It shall be unlawful to park in front of the Town Office during posted business hours for any purpose other than conducting business at the Town Clerk's Office.
- D.** It shall be unlawful to park in the Park & Ride behind the Town office for any longer than 3 consecutive days.
- E.** During any winter plowing event, parking is unlawful between the hours of midnight and 7am from December 1st to April 15th at the Park & Ride and in front of the Town Office.

- Section 2.** 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 (constable, sheriff and state police), road commissioner, or selectman.
- Section 3.** 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 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 4.** 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 IX 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, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

ARTICLE X BRIDGE WEIGHT RESTRICTION

Paradee Bridge (B49) shall be restricted to no more than 12,000 pounds.

ARTICLE XI 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 provision of 24 VSA, Chapter 59 or through any Vermont court having proper jurisdiction.
- B. The penalty for violation of the above speed limit shall be set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

Section 3. Enforcement Officials:

This ordinance may be enforced by the Franklin County Sheriff and/or the Vermont State Police who are properly qualified law enforcement officers in the state of Vermont.

Section 4. Severability:

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provision

hereof be adjudged invalid such argument shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Section 5. Designation:

This ordinance may be referred to as the Fairfield 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 6. Repeal of Prior Ordinances:

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

Section 7. Adoption of Ordinance:

This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after the adoption date shown below.

Adopted this 24th day of February 2025.

Tom Bourgeois
Chair

Arwin Byers
Vice Chair

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Clerk

Attest: Linda Hodet
Linda Hodet, Town Clerk

Ronald Bocah
Brian Dubois

