

**TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
FOR THE
TOWN OF BOLTON, 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 Select Board of the Town of Bolton that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Bolton, Vermont. This ordinance shall be a civil ordinance.

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

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

Whenever any words and/or phrases used herein are not defined, but are defined in the State statutes regulating the operation of vehicles, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein, except when the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE II: SCOPE

The ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on town highways within the Town of Bolton, 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 Bolton Select Board.

ARTICLE IV: SPEED REGULATIONS

Motor vehicles must be operated safely with regard to current road conditions and no vehicle will be driven at unreasonable speeds that could cause damage to public and private properties.

Section 1. Paved Highways - On the basis of engineering and traffic studies, the following speed limits are hereby established.

- (i) No motor vehicle shall be operated at any time at a rate of speed greater than 35 miles per hour on:

- (a) T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road) from Richmond town line to Duxbury town line
 - (b) S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road) from US Highway 2 extending northerly a distance of 1.5 miles
 - (c) S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road) 3.7 miles from US Highway 2 extending northerly a distance of 0.8 miles (to the Bolton Valley Resort)
 - (d) T.H. #2 (Nashville Road)
 - (e) T.H. #3 (Stage Road)
 - (f) T.H. #4 (Notch Road) paved portion
- (ii) No motor vehicle shall be operated at any time at a rate of speed greater than 40 miles per hour on:
- (a) S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road) 1.5 miles from US Highway 2 extending northerly a distance of 2.2 miles.
- (iii) No motor vehicle shall be operated at any time at a rate of speed greater than 25 miles per hour on:
- (a) T.H. #9 (Thacher Road / Wentworth Road)
 - (b) T.H. #10 (Curtis Lane)
 - (c) T.H. #15 (Joiner Brook Lane)

Section 2. Unpaved Highways, Uniform Speed Limit – Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1007, a uniform speed limit of 35 m.p.h. is hereby established for all other unpaved highways within the Town. Under the uniform speed limit, unpaved highways shall include:

- (i) T.H. #4 (Notch Road) un-paved portion
- (ii) T.H. #5 (Pineo Brook Road)
- (iii) T.H. #6 (Mill Brook Road)
- (iv) T.H. #7 (York Road)
- (v) T.H. #8 (Leary Road)
- (vi) T.H. #12 (Honey Hollow Road)
- (vii) T.H. #14 (Cemetery Road)
- (viii) T.H. #16 (Boys Club Road)

Section 3. State Highways – The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on U.S. Route 2 (US 2), also referred to as the Theodore Roosevelt Highway, in the Town of Bolton shall be the same for those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont, to wit:

- (i) No motor vehicle shall be operated at any time at a rate of speed greater than 50 miles per hour on US 2 from:
 - (a) The Richmond Town Line (mile marker 0) to mile marker 2.4

- (b) Mile marker 3.1 to the Waterbury Town Line (mile marker 5.7)
- (ii) No motor vehicle shall be operated at any time at a rate of speed greater than 40 miles per hour on US 2 from:
 - (a) Mile marker 2.4 to mile marker 3.1

The above speed limits for paved and unpaved highways 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 INTERSECTIONS

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

- (i) Four way stop at the convergence of T.H. #3 (Stage Road), T.H. #6 (Mill Brook Road), T.H. #14 (Cemetery Road), T.H. #2 (Nashville Road)
- (ii) S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road) entering VT Rt. 2
- (iii) Smilie School Parking Lot entering VT Rt. 2
- (iv) T.H. #4 (Notch Road) entering T.H. #3 (Stage Road)
- (v) T.H. #4 (Notch Road) entering VT Rt. 2
- (vi) T.H. #5 (Pineo Brook Road) entering VT Rt. 2
- (vii) T.H. #7 (York Road) entering T.H. #3 (Stage Road)
- (viii) T.H. #8 (Leary Road) entering T.H. #3 (Stage Road)
- (ix) Northern terminus of T.H. #9 (Thacher Road / Wentworth Road) entering S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road)
- (x) Southern terminus of T.H. #9 (Thacher Road / Wentworth Road) entering S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road)
- (xi) T.H. #12 (Honey Hollow Road) entering T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road)
- (xii) T.H. #15 (Joiner Brook Lane) entering VT Rt. 2
- (xiii) T.H. #16 (Boys Club Road) entering VT Rt. 2

ARTICLE VI: CROSSWALKS

The following intersections shall be designated for pedestrian crosswalks, and shall be so marked:

- (i) S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road) 3 miles from VT Rt. 2, between the Timberline Lodge and The Ponds.
- (ii) Near southern terminus of T.H. #4 (Notch Road) under I89

ARTICLE VII: PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. Prohibition

No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle (as defined in 23 V.S.A. §4 as presently enacted and as amended from time to time) at any time:

- (i) On any town highway or road within fifteen (15) feet of the curb line of another town highway or road.
- (ii) On the traveled portion of any town highway or road.
- (iii) In violation of any of the provisions of 23 V.S.A. §1104 as presently enacted or as from time to time hereinafter amended. This reference to 23 V.S.A. §1104 is not to constitute any duplication of said statute but is included for informational purposes only.
- (iv) On any town highway between the hours of 12 o'clock midnight and 8 o'clock a.m. during the period from November 15 of each year to April 30 of the following year in such a manner as to interfere with the prompt and orderly removal or plowing of snow, or the sanding and salting of the highways or roadways.
- (v) On S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road), on either side of S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road) from the intersection of S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road) and U.S. Route 2 north for two (2.0) miles measured along S.A.H. #3 (Bolton Valley Access Road).
- (vi) On T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road), on either side of T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road,) from .9 miles east of the intersection of T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road) and Cochran Road, for .325 miles east measured along T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road, the vicinity of the GMC Winooski River pedestrian bridge), and from three (3.0) miles east of the intersection of T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road) and Cochran Road, for .188 miles east measured along T.H. #1 (Duxbury Road), the entrance of the GMC Long Trail parking lot.
- (vii) On T.H. #3 (Stage Road) on either side of T.H. #3 (Stage Road) for .25 miles north of the Preston Pond Conservation Area trailhead at 3638 Stage Road, and .25 miles south of the Preston Pond Conservation Area trailhead at 3638 Stage Road.
- (viii) In the fire lane, as so designated, at the Smilie School.
- (ix) On any town highway or road so as to block any designated roadway, driveway, authorized town turnaround, or part thereof.
- (x) Overnight parking in the parking areas that access the Preston Pond Conservation Area located on T.H. #4 (Notch Road) and T.H. #3 (Stage Road).
- (xi) Parking on T.H. #10 (Curtis Lane) shall be allowed only for residents who reside on T.H. #10 (Curtis Lane) and their approved guests.

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, the highway foreman, the highway superintendent, any select board member, the fire chief or the town constable.

Section 3. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 2 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 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 VIII: LOADED VEHICLES

Section 1. 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 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. A person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be fined in accordance with penalties provided by state statutes, in conformance with Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Chapter 24.

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 Bolton 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 Bolton is hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance refers to the General Highway Map of the Town of Bolton, prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and dated July, 2015 and as periodically revised.




Section 7. Publication and Posting: This ordinance shall be published in the Burlington Free Press within 14 days of the adoption date, and shall be filed with the Bolton Town Clerk on August 2, 2016.

Adopted by the Select Board, Town of Bolton at its meeting held on the 1st day of August, 2016.

Amended by the Select Board, Town of Bolton at its meeting held on the 4th day of September, 2018.

Amended by the Select Board, Town of Bolton at its meeting held on the 17th day of August, 2020.

Amended by the Select Board, Town of Bolton at its meeting held on the 26th day of October, 2020.

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