
LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT ON STATE HIGHWAY

ARTICLE 1: AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted by the Town of Dorset under authority granted by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 23 V.S.A. § 1007 and 13 V.S.A. § 7251.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public safety.

ARTICLE 3: SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

ARTICLE 4: The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on **Vermont Route 30** within the Town of Dorset shall be the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont, to wit:

- a. Proceeding north on Route 30 from a point **.25** miles north of the intersection of **Route 30 & Dogpatch Lane** to the **Town Line**, the speed limit shall be **50** mph.
- b. Proceeding north on Route 30 from a point **.10** miles north of the intersection of **Route 30 & Peace Street** to a point **.25** miles north of the **Route 30 & Dogpatch Lane** intersection, the speed limit shall be **40** mph.
- c. Proceeding north from the **Route 30 & Fox Lane** intersection to a point **.10** miles north of the **Route 30 & Peace Street** intersection, the speed limit shall be **30** mph.
- d. Proceeding north from the **Town Line** to the intersection of **Route 30 & Fox Lane**, the speed limit shall be **40** mph.

ARTICLE 5: The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on **Vermont Route 7 & 7a** within the Town of Dorset shall be the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont, to wit:

- a. Proceeding north on Route 7a from the **Town Line** to a point **.10** miles before the **Route 7a & Route 7** interchange, the speed limit shall be **50** mph.
- b. Proceeding north on Route 7 from the interchange with **Route 7a** to the intersection of **Route 7 & Frost Road**, the speed limit shall be **40** mph.
- c. Proceeding north on Route 7 from the **Route 7 & Frost Road** intersection to a point **.40** miles south of **Sweeney Lane**, the speed limit shall be **50** mph.
- d. Proceeding north on Route 7 from a point **.50** miles south of **Sweeney Lane** to a point **.30** miles north of the **Route 7 & Sweeney Lane** intersection, the speed limit shall be **45** mph.
- e. Proceeding north on Route 7 from a point **.30** miles north of the **Route 7 & Sweeney Lane** intersection to the Town Line, the speed limit shall be **50** mph.



ARTICLE 6: PENALTIES.

- a. This is a civil ordinance that shall be enforced with the provisions in 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq.
- b. The penalty for violations of any of the above speed limits shall be that set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE 7: ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. Issuing officials shall include any officer from the Vermont State Police, Bennington County Sheriff's Department or any certified Town of Dorset Constable.

ARTICLE 8: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Town of Dorset Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the taking effective of this ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

Adopted by the Town of Dorset Selectboard on the 19th day of May in the year 2009.

Chris Brooks, Chair

Marge Freed

Michael Oltedal

Michael Connors

Brad Tyler

ADOPTION HISTORY:

1. Agenda Item at a regular Selectboard Meeting on 5-19-09.
2. Read and Approved at a regular Selectboard Meeting on 5-19-09 and entered into the minutes of that meeting which were approved on 5-28-09.
3. Posted in public places on 5-20-09.
4. Notice of adoption published in the Manchester Journal on 5-29-09 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [petitions etc.]

