
TOWN OF DORSET, VERMONT
MOTOR VEHICLE and TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

1. Purpose and Authority

This Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance is enacted by the Dorset Selectboard to promote the public health, safety and welfare of Town residents under the authority it is granted to regulate operation of motor vehicles as set forth in 19 V.S.A. §304, 23 V.S.A. §§1007 and 1008, and 24 V.S.A. §2291(1), (4) and (5). This Ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways in the Town of Dorset. This Ordinance shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

2. Definitions

The definitions set forth at 23 V.S.A. §4 are incorporated herein by reference.

3. Town Highway Speed Limits. On the basis of engineering and traffic studies, the following speed limits are hereby established on Town Highways:

A. Maximum speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour:

1. Benedict Road
2. Black Rock Lane
3. Bowen Hill Road
4. Cheney Road
5. Church Street
6. Coolidge Lane
7. Cross Road
8. Danby Mountain Road
9. Dorset Hill Road
10. Dorset Hollow Road
11. Dusty Hollow Road
12. Foote Road
13. Ford Road
14. Frost Road
15. Gulf Road
16. Jackson Lane
17. Kelleher Road
18. Kent Hill Road
19. Kirby Hollow Road
20. Lane Road
21. Leary Lane
22. Lois Lane
23. Lower Hollow Road
24. Mad Tom Road
25. McNamara Road
26. Meadow Lane

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27. Nichols Hill Road
 28. Nims Road
 29. Overlook Road
 30. Paddock Farm Lane
 31. Paul's Way
 32. Peace Street
 33. Pleasant Street
 34. School Drive
 35. Snow Road
 36. Squirrel Hollow Road
 37. Sweeney Lane
 38. Tennis Way
 39. Tower Road
 40. Upper Hollow Road
 41. Village Street
 42. Village Street North

B. Maximum speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour:

1. Dorset West Road

C. Maximum speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour:

1. Morse Hill Road

4. State Highways Speed Limits. The maximum speed on Vermont Route 30 and Vermont Route 7 and 7a shall be the same as the speed limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Vermont Route 30:

- a. Proceeding north on Route 30 from a point .25 miles north of the intersection of Route 30 and 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 and 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 and Fox Lane intersection to a point following .10 miles north of the Route 30 and Peace Street intersection, the speed limit shall be 30 mph.
- d. Proceeding north from the Town Line to the intersection of Route 30 and Fox Lane, the speed limit shall be 40 mph.

Vermont Route 7 and 7a:

- a. Proceeding north on Route 7a from the Town Line to a point .10 miles before the Route 7a and 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 and Frost Road, the speed limit shall be 40 mph.

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- c. Proceeding north on Route 7 from the Route 7 and 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 and 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 and Sweeney Lane intersection to the Town Line, the speed limit shall be 50 mph.

5. Stop Intersections. The following intersections shall be designated stop intersections, and a suitable “Stop” sign shall be installed at the intersection. When a stop sign is so installed, a motor vehicle operator approaching the stop sign shall operate the vehicle in the manner required by 23 V.S.A. §1048(b).

- a. Benedict Road at the intersection of Morse Hill Road.
- b. Benedict Road at the intersection of Route 7.
- c. Bowen Hill Road at the intersection of Mad Tom Road.
- d. Bowen Hill Road at the intersection of Route 7.
- e. Cheney Road at the intersection of Church Street.
- f. Church Street at the intersection of Dorset West Road.
- g. Church Street at the intersection of Route 30.
- h. Cross Road at the intersection of Dorset West Road.
- i. Cross Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- j. Danby Mountain Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- k. Dorset Hill Road at the intersection of Morse Hill Road.
- l. Dorset Hollow Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- m. Dorset West Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- n. Foote Road at the intersection of Dorset West Road.
- o. Ford Road at the intersection of Route 7.
- p. Frost Road at the intersection of Route 7.
- q. Kelleher Road at the intersection of Morse Hill Road.
- r. Kelly Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- s. Kent Hill Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- t. Kirby Hollow Road at the intersection of Dorset Hollow Road.
- u. Kirby Hollow at the intersection of Paul’s Way.
- v. Lane Road at the intersection of Dorset West Road.
- w. Lane Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- x. Leary Lane at the intersection of Mad Tom Road.
- y. Mad Tom Road at the intersection of Route 7.
- z. McNamara Road at the intersection of Dorset West Road.
- aa. Meadow Lane at the intersection of Cheney Road.
- bb. Meadow Lane at the intersection of Route 30.
- cc. Morse Hill Road at the intersection of Route 30.
- dd. Morse Hill Road at the intersection of Route 7.
- ee. Nichols Hill Road at the intersection of Dorset West Road.
- ff. Nims Road at the intersection of Dorset West Road.
- gg. North Village Street at the intersection of Route 7.
- hh. Overlook Road at the intersection of Morse Hill Road.
- ii. Paul’s Way at the intersection of Kirby Hollow Road.
- jj. Paul’s Way at the intersection of Route 30.
- kk. Peace Street at the intersection of Kirby Hollow Road.
- ll. Peace Street at the intersection of Route 30.

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- mm. Pine Road at the intersection of Morse Hill Road.
 - nn. Pleasant Street at the intersection of Mad Tom Road.
 - oo. Route 7A at the intersection of Route 7.
 - pp. School Drive at the intersection of Morse Hill Road.
 - qq. Snow Road at the intersection of Route 30.
 - rr. Squirrel Hollow Road at the intersection of Route 7.
 - ss. Sweeney Lane at the intersection of Emerald Lake Lane.
 - tt. Sweeney Lane at the intersection of Route 7.
 - uu. Tennis Way at the intersection of Route 7.
 - vv. Upper Hollow Road at the intersection of Dorset Hollow Road.
 - ww. Village Street at the intersection of Mad Tom Road.
 - xx. Village Street at the intersection of Route 7.
 - yy. Wind Hill Road at the intersection of Morse Hill Road.
 - zz. Tennis Way at the intersection of Hills Court.

6. Yield Intersections. The following intersections shall be designated yield intersections, and a suitable “Yield” sign shall be installed at the intersection. When a yield sign is so installed, a motor vehicle operator approaching the yield sign shall operate the vehicle in the manner required by 23 V.S.A. §1048(c).

- 1. Dorset West Road & Church Street

7. Flashing Signals - Pedestrians

The following intersections and other locations on Town highways to be controlled by flashing signals and a suitable flashing signal shall be installed at such intersection or location. When a traffic-control signal is so installed, a motor vehicle operator approaching the traffic-control signal shall operate the vehicle in the manner required by 23 V.S.A. §1024.

- 1. The intersection of Mad Tom Road & Route 7

10. Civil Penalties; Waiver Fee; Enforcement

Any person who violates a provision of this Ordinance which constitutes a traffic violation as defined in 23 V.S.A. §2302, shall be prosecuted pursuant to 23 V.S.A. Chapter 24, and such violator will be subject to the procedures, provisions and penalties set forth therein. Waiver penalties for violation of this Ordinance shall be those set by the Judicial Bureau under 4 V.S.A. § 1102(d). Any law enforcement officer shall be authorized to act to pursue a civil violation complaint before the Judicial Bureau.

11. Severability

If any section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance shall be declared by any competent court to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance.

12. Other Laws

This ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town of Dorset and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont.

13. Repeal

The following Town of Dorset ordinances are hereby repealed:

- A. The Town of Dorset Traffic Ordinance, approved by the Dorset Selectboard on November 9, 1971 and as thereafter amended.
- B. The Town of Dorset Ordinance Establishing Stop Signs and Other Traffic Control Devices, approved by the Dorset Selectboard on January 18, 2000.
- C. The Town of Dorset Local Enforcement of Speed Limit on State Highway Ordinance, approved by the Dorset Selectboard on May 19, 2009.

14. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Dorset Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. Section 1973, the taking effect of this Ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

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Adopted this day of , 2020.

Town of Dorset Selectboard

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