

# **TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**

## **Town of Groton, 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 Board of Selectmen of the Town of Groton that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Groton, Vermont.

### **ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of [23 V.S.A. § 4](#) are incorporated by reference.

### **ARTICLE II: SCOPE**

The ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Groton, 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 Town of Groton, Board of Selectmen.

### **ARTICLE IV: SPEED REGULATIONS.**

Based on [a traffic and engineering study] **or** [consideration of neighborhood character, abutting land use, bicycle and pedestrian use and physical characteristics of the highways], the following speed limits are hereby established:

Annis road T.H.#35 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Beck road T.H.#29, A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from the intersection of U.S.Route 302 to the intersection of Seyon road

Boulder Beach road T.H.#3 • speed of 25 m.p.h. from they intersection of Vt. Route 232 for the entire length ending at Boulder Beach

Branch Brook road T.H.#19 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from the intersection of U.S.Route 302 for the entire length.

Brock road T.H.#11 • A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. to Ryegate town line

Buzzy's road T.H.#27 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Checehi street T.H.#51 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Cliff's Hill road T.H.#18 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Coal Kiln road T.H.#55 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Cochran road T.H.#46 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Cross road T.H.#10 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Daniels road T.H.#34 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

East Glauchester road T.H.#63 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

French road T.H.#60 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for the entire length

Fuller Hill road T.H.#41 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Glover road T.H.#13 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Goodfellow road T.H.#5 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Goudy road T.H.#40 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Great road T.H.#4 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Heath Brook road T.H.#37 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Hi Goodwin road T.H.#26 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Hooper Hill road T.H.#14 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Engle road T.H.#28 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Lakeside drive T.H.#58 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for the entire length

Little Italy road T.H.#32 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Mill street T.H.#49 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Minard Hill road T.H.#2 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from the intersection of U.S. Route 302 for .5 mile.

Minard Hill road T.H.#2 A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. from .5 mile from the intersection of U.S. Route 302 to the intersection of Mt Ara road T.H.#20.

Minard Hill road T.H.#2 A maximum speed of 50 m.p.h. from the intersection of Mt Ara road T.H.#20 to the Ryegate Town Line

Mt Ara road T.H.#20 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Mt Medad road T.H.#22 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

New Cemetery road T.H.#61 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for the entire length

Old County road T.H.#15 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Old Dump road T.H.#62 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Park street T.H.#50 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Powder Spring road T.H.#1 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. from the intersection of U.S. Route 302 to the intersection of Quarry road T.H.#44

Powder Spring road T.H.#1 A maximum speed of 50 m.p.h. from the intersection of Quarry road T.H.#44 to the Topsham Town Line

Powerhouse road T.H.#47 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Quarry road T.H.#44 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Railroad street T.H.#53 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for the entire length

Red Brook road T.H.#7 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Ricker Mill road T.H.#65 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

River street T.H.#56 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Robinson road T.H.#38 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Sawmill drive T.H.#59 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for the entire length

Seyon Pond road T.H.#24 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Snug Harbor Street T.H.#54 A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h. for the entire length

West Glauchester Road T.H.#9 A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. for the entire length

Weld road T.H.#31 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Welton road T.H.#48 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

Westville road T.H. #30 A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h. for the entire length

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 V: STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS**

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

Beck road T.H.#29 entering Seyon Pond road T.H.#24

Cross road T.H.#10 entering Minard Hill road T.H.#2

Glover road T.H.#13 entering Minard Hill road T.H.#2

Great road T.H. #4 entering Minard Hill road T.H. #2

Seyon Pond road T.H. #24 at intersection of Buzzy's road T.H. #27

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

Old County road T.H. #15 entering Ricker Mill road T.H. #65

Minard Hill road slip ramp entering Minard Hill road T.H. #2

## **ARTICLE VI: PARKING REGULATIONS**

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on any sidewalk maintained by the Town of Groton.

Section 2 It shall be unlawful to park within any water supply site maintained by the Town of Groton.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful to park at any time within any of Town of Groton parking areas or land with the intent of over night camping without written permission from the Selectboard.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful to park within any municipal parking lot between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful to park within any municipal parking lot or other municipal owned properties for a period of more than seven days for any reason without written permission from the Town of Groton Selectboard.

Section 5. 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, road commissioner or selectman.

Section 6. 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 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 7. 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 VII: 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, sitting, leaking or otherwise escaping there from.

## **ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Separate Offenses: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a 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.

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 Town of Groton 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 within 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 Groton is hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication and Posting: This ordinance shall be published in the Caledonian Record New Paper on March 18, 2006 and shall be filed with the Groton Town Clerk on, March 18, 2006.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Groton, Vermont at its meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

#### ADOPTION HISTORY:

1. Agenda item at regular Selectboard meeting held on March 9, 2006.
2. Read and approved at regular Selectboard meeting on March 9, 2006 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on March 16, 2006
3. Posted in public places on March 18, 2006.
4. Notice of adoption published in the Caledonian Record Newspaper on March 18, 2006 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]