

TOWN OF ORWELL
VERMONT

ORDINANCE FOR REGULATION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

AMENDMENTS - To SECTION II - Regulation of Speed

August 2009

WE, the Select Board of the Town of Orwell, pursuant to 24 VSA §1972, and other state laws that are applicable, do hereby make the following ordinances as to highway signs regulating traffic within the limits of the Town of Orwell:

SECTION I - DEFINITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

As used in this ordinance "motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.

SECTION II - REGULATION OF SPEED

A. **THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES AN HOUR SPEED LIMIT** - An operator of a motor vehicle shall not operate or drive a motor vehicle at a rate of speed greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour on the following designated streets and highways:

1. Town Highway #40 from its junction with Town Road #35 [Conkey Hill Road] to its junction with Vermont Route 73, so called.

Amended August 10, 2009 to include:

2. Chipman's Point Road from the lake shore to its junction with 73W.

TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES AN HOUR SPEED LIMIT -

3. North Orwell Road from Vermont 73 to Daigneault Hill Road
4. All of Roberts Avenue and Church Street

FORTY (40) MILES AN HOUR SPEED LIMIT -

5. North Orwell Road from Daigneault Hill Road to Shoreham town line
6. Route 73 W from Vermont Route 22A to Shoreham town line.
7. Mount Independence Road.

ALL REMAINING PAVED TOWN HIGHWAYS AND ALL REMAINING TOWN GRAVEL ROADS WILL BE FORTY (40) MILES AN HOUR SPEED LIMIT.

B. **SIGNS** - Signs indicating a speed limit as set forth above shall be posted conspicuously within the highway limits at the point where such speed limit becomes effective under this ordinance.

C. **POLICE AND FIRE VEHICLES** - The speed limitation set forth in this ordinance shall not apply to vehicles when operated with due care for safety under the direction of law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties, nor the fire department vehicles when traveling to an alarm, nor the public or private ambulances when traveling in emergencies.

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SECTION III - DESIGNATION OF STOP SIGNS.

A. Stop signs shall be erected on the following street for the regulation of traffic at the following intersections:

1. Town Highway #17 [Wicker Lane] at its junction with Town Highway #2 [Chipman's Point Road]

B. Every vehicle immediately before entering the limits of an intersection designated as a stop intersection, shall be brought to a full stop and yield the right of way to all vehicles and pedestrians approaching from either direction, except when the operator thereof is otherwise directed by a police officer.

SECTION IV - DESIGNATION OF YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGNS

A. Yield Right of Way signs shall be erected on the following streets for the regulation of traffic at the following intersections:

1. On Town Highway #2, also known as Route 73A [73W], at its junction with Vt 73.

B. Every vehicle upon entering an intersection designated as a "yield right of way" intersection, shall not exceed a speed reasonable for conditions and shall yield the right of way to all vehicles or pedestrians approaching from either direction.

SECTION V - PENALTIES

An person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION VI - CAUTIONARY SIGNS

Cautionary signs regarding highway safety shall be placed at appropriate locations designated by the Vermont Highway Department and shall not be considered regulatory signs for imposing any penalties under this ordinance.

SECTION VII - EFFECTIVE DATE

Date adopted by the Select Board: **April 3, 1979**

Date published in local newspaper - **Week of April 13, 1979**

Effective date: June 2, 1979

Select Board signatures: Charles McLane, Walker James, and George Dubois

SECTION VIII - NOTICE. This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the town records and shall be posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places in town. A concise summary of it shall

be published in the Addison Independent within fourteen (14) days of its adoption accompanied

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by the information as to where the full text of it may be examined, the right of voters to petition for a vote, and the name, address and telephone number of a person who is available to answer questions about it. [Instead of a concise summary, you may publish the entire text of the proposed ordinance in the paper.] The ordinance shall become effective sixty days (60) after its adoption unless a petition signed by five (5) percent of the qualified voters in the Town of Orwell asking for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance is filed with the Town Clerk or the Select Board within forty four (44) days after the adoption of the ordinance. If such a petition is filed, the Select Board shall call a special meeting to vote on that question and the ordinance shall become effective at the end of that meeting, unless a majority of those voting on the question disapproves the ordinance.

Signatures _____ Date: August 10, 2009
Paula Barnes

_____ Date: August 10, 2009
Walker James

_____ Date: August 10, 2009
Carla Ochs

_____ Date: August 10, 2009
Peter Young

_____ Date: August 10, 2009
Roland Simmons, Chair

AMENDMENT ADOPTION HISTORY

1. Agenda item at regular Select Board meeting held on **July 27, 2009**.
2. Read and approved at regular Select Board meeting on **August 10, 2009**.
and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on
_____.
3. Posted in public places on **August 11, 2009**.
4. Notice of adoption published in the **Addison Independent** newspaper on
August 20, 2009 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions (petitions, etc.)

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