

TOWN OF VERSHIRE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23 V.SA § 1007 & 1008 and Title 24, V.SA § 1971 and 2291 (1), (4) and (5) Title 19, V.S.A. § 1109 & 1110; and such other enactments as may be material hereto; it is hereby ordained by the Selectboard of the Town of Vershire that this Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Vershire.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

The definitions in Title 23 V.SA § 4 are incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE II SCOPE

This ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Vershire, 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 to install any sign or device, which may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device without prior approval of the Selectboard of the Town of Vershire.

ARTICLE IV SPEED REGULATIONS

After considering the pedestrian, bicycle and horseback riding traffic and the sight distance and other physical characteristics, the maximum speed limit of all town highways, with the exceptions listed below, has been reduced to 35 mph.

EXCEPTIONS

1. TH#35 Ayers Rd - Speed limit set at 25mph.
2. TH#37 Barstow Road - Speed limit set at 30 mph (no sign—too short)
3. TH#11 Beaver Meadow Rd - Speed limit set at 25 mph.
4. TH#26 Chamberlin Hill Rd – Speed limit set at 30 mph.
5. TH#6 Durgin Hill Rd – Speed limit set at 30 mph
6. TH#3 Eagle Hollow Rd – Speed limit set at 30 mph on gravel portion, 40 mph on

paved portion.

7. TH#33 Eastman Cross Rd - Speed limit of 25 mph with a stop sign at intersection with South Vershire Road and a yield sign at Vershire Center Road.
8. TH#1 Goose Green Road - from VT Route 113 to Corinth Line - 40 mph
9. TH#27 Kingdom Rd – Speed limit set at 25 mph.
10. TH#16 McIver Road - Speed limit from VT Route 113 - 30 mph.
11. TH#32 Moody Hill Rd - 25 mph limit
12. TH#34 Mountain Ash Road - Speed limit set at 30 mph (no sign—too short).
13. TH#22 Mud Lane - Speed limit 25 mph entire traveled way.
14. TH#9 North Road - Speed limit set at 30 mph.
15. TH#4 Parker Rd - 35 mph speed limit from South Vershire Road to Chamberlain Hill Road. Speed Limit of 30 mph from intersection of Chamberlain Hill Road to VT Route 113.
16. TH#18 Reed Rd - 30 mph the entire traveled way.
17. TH#7 Rowell Rd – Speed limit set at 30 mph.
18. TH#38 South Vershire Road - Speed limit 30 mph on graveled section; 35 mph on paved section.
19. TH#20 Taylor Valley Rd - 30 mph the entire traveled way.
20. TH#9 Tullar (North) Road – Speed limit set at 30 mph.
21. TH#5 Vershire Riding School Road – from intersection of Goose Green Road to end - 25mph.

The Town of Vershire has adopted the speed limits on VT Route 113 as signed by the State of Vermont.

VT Route 113 - A speed limit of 40 mph or 50 mph or as signed by the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE V STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

Section 1: The following intersections shall be designated as STOP or YIELD intersections and shall be so signed.

1. TH#35 Ayers Rd - Stop sign at the intersection of South Vershire Road.
2. TH#37 Barstow Road - Stop sign at intersection of Miller Pond Rd
3. TH#17 Brown Road – Yield to oncoming traffic at the intersection (Y) with Vershire Center Road
4. TH#26 Chamberlin Hill Rd – Yield at the intersections with Vershire Center Road and Parker (yield at both ends).
5. TH#33 Eastman Cross Rd - Stop sign at intersection with South Vershire Road; Yield at Vershire Center Road.
6. TH#2 Miller Pond Rd – Stop sign at intersection with South Vershire Road
7. TH#32 Moody Hill Rd - Stop sign at Vershire Center Road intersection
8. TH#34 Mountain Ash Road - Stop sign at intersection with Vershire Center Road.
9. TH#22 Mud Lane - Stop sign at Vershire Center Road intersection.
10. TH#18 Reed Rd - Stop sign at Vershire Center Road intersection.

11. TH#7 Rowell Rd – Stop at the intersection of Durgin Hill Road.
12. TH#38 South Vershire Road - Yield sign at Vershire Center Road intersection with South Vershire Road
13. TH#20 Taylor Valley Rd - Stop sign at the intersection with Vershire Center Road.
14. TH#9 Tullar (North) Road - Stop sign at intersection of Goose Green (this is in Corinth)
15. TH#5 Vershire Riding School Road – Yield sign at intersection of Goose Green

Section 2: The following intersections shall be designated as STOP intersections as signed by the State of Vermont:

1. TH#11 Beaver Meadow Rd - Stop sign at VT Route 113 as signed by the State of Vermont
2. TH#17 Brown Road – Stop at the intersection of VT Route 113, as signed by the State of Vermont
3. TH#23 Darling Hill Road - Stop at the intersection of VT Route 113, as signed by the State of Vermont.
4. TH#6 Durgin Hill Rd – Stop at the intersection of VT Route 113.
5. TH#3 Eagle Hollow Rd – Stop sign at VT Route 113, as signed by the State of Vermont.
6. TH#1 Goose Green Road - Stop at the intersection of VT Route 113
7. TH#27 Kingdom Rd – Stop sign at VT Route 113 as signed by the State of Vermont
8. TH#16 McIver Road - Stop at VT Route 113 as signed by the State of Vermont.
9. TH#9 North Road - Stop at the intersection of VT Route 113
10. TH#4 Parker Rd - Stop sign at intersection of VT Route 113 as signed by the State of Vermont.
11. TH#3 Vershire Center Road - Stop at VT Route 113 as signed by the State of Vermont

ARTICLE VI FOUR WHEELERS AND ATV's ON TOWN HIGHWAYS

All Four Wheelers and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) are restricted to travel only on the dirt/gravel roads of the Town of Vershire. ATV owners and riders must travel in single file on the right side of the road and must travel at a speed of not more than 15 mph. These vehicles are prohibited from traveling on Class 4 roads and primitive trails during the spring mud season (March 1 – May 15).

ARTICLE VII PARKING REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23 V.S.A. § 1104, stopping is prohibited except when necessary to *avoid* conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of an enforcement officer or official traffic control *device*, no person may stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger WITHIN SIX (6) FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT (or DRY HYDRANT).

ARTICLE VIII POSTING OF HIGHWAYS

Pursuant to Title 19 V.S.A. § 1109 and 1110, 2-axle vehicles over 15,000lbs, 3-axle vehicles over 18,000lbs and tractor trailers over 20,000lbs are restricted from all of the Town of Vershire highways (excepting VT State Route 113) from March 1st to May 1st of each year except by special permission of the Selectboard or its designee.

Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.
Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a civil violation.

1. A person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be subject to prosecution and fines.
2. Penalties for a person who violates a parking provision of this ordinance shall be no less than ten (\$10.00) dollars) for each violation if paid in 30 days. If not paid in 30 days, the penalty will be increased to \$25.00 plus court fees. All monies received hereunder for parking violations shall be paid to the treasurer of the Town of Vershire as part of its general revenue.
3. Penalties for a person who violates a speed or sign provision of this ordinance shall be paid to the Judicial Bureau of Vermont
4. The provisions of this ordinance are declared severable, and if any provision hereof is judged invalid, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.
5. This ordinance supercedes all previous traffic ordinances of the Town of Vershire.
6. Reference is made to the General Highway Map of the Town of Vershire, prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, dated 2011, for highway designations.

This ordinance is adopted on November 19, 2013, and shall become effective in 60 days.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the citizens of the Town of Vershire have the right to petition for a vote on the amended ordinance by presenting a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters to the Town Clerk or the Selectboard within 44 days following the date of adoption. If no petition is presented, this ordinance shall become effective on January 18, 2014.

Vernal Stone
Vernal Stone, Chair

November 19, 2013
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