

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, VERMONT
SPEED ORDINANCES FOR HIGHWAYS

Be it ordained by the Woodstock Select Board that the Town of Woodstock "SPEED ORDINANCE" is hereby amended by deleting all existing language thereof, originally adopted on November 2, 2006 and effective January 1, 2007, and substituting therefore the following language.

General Provisions and Enforcement

§ 1. Citation. This ordinance shall be known as the Woodstock Town Speed Ordinances and may be cited and abbreviated as the "WTSO."

§ 2. Authority. This ordinance is an exercise of the police power of the Town of Woodstock, Vermont (hereinafter "Town") and is adopted by the Select Board of the Town under the authority granted by 24 V.S.A. §2291(4) and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59 and 23 V.S.A. §1007.

§ 3. Purpose and Scope. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public health and safety by establishing safe speed limits for motor vehicles on all public highways existing in the special district established by vote of the citizens of the Town on August 8, 2006. Accordingly, notwithstanding any other provision herein, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply only to public highways to the extent existing in the Town outside the boundaries of the Village of Woodstock, Vermont, which is the area constituting said special district. The provisions of this ordinance are intended to supersede and amend any inconsistent ordinance previously adopted by the Select Board of the Town.

§ 4. Definitions. All words and phrases used herein shall have the same meaning as provided in 23 V.S.A. §4 or its substitute(s) from time to time existing unless changed by the express terms of this ordinance. In addition, for the purposes of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(A) "Unpaved highway" means the town highways and portions of town highways described or listed in Appendix A to this ordinance and also any other town highways or portions of town highways which are gravel surface only.

(B) "Group-1 paved highway" means the town highways and portions of town highways described or listed in Appendix B to this ordinance.

(C) "Group-2 paved highway" means the town highways and portions of town highways described or listed in Appendix B to this ordinance.

(D) "Group-3 paved highways" means town highways and portions of town highways described or listed in Appendix B to this ordinance.

(E) "Enforcement officials" shall include any Town constable and any officer of the police department contracted by the Town to serve the special district who are properly qualified law enforcement officers in the State of Vermont.

§ 5. Speed limits for Group-1 unpaved highways. The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all unpaved highways in Group 1 in Appendix A shall be 35 miles per hour. This limit has been established after considering the neighborhood character, abutting land uses, bicycle and pedestrian use, and physical characteristics of all unpaved highways.

§ 5 a. Speed limits for Group-2 unpaved highways. The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all unpaved highways in Group 2 in Appendix A shall be 25 miles per hour. This limit has been established after conducting a traffic and engineering study as set forth in Appendix C. to this ordinance after considering the neighborhood character, abutting land uses, bicycle and pedestrian use, and physical characteristics of all unpaved highways.

§ 6. Speed limits for Group-1 paved highways. The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all Group-1 paved highways shall be 35 miles per hour. This limit has been established pursuant to a traffic and engineering investigation as set forth in Appendix E to this ordinance.

§ 7. Speed limits for Group-2 paved highways. The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all Group-2 paved highways shall be 25 miles per hour. This limit has been established pursuant to a traffic and engineering investigation as set forth in Appendix E to this ordinance.

§ 8. Speed limits for Group 3 paved highways. The maximum speed limits for Group 3 Paved Highways shall be 45 miles per hour. This limit has been established pursuant to a traffic and engineering investigation as set forth in Appendix E to this ordinance.

§ 9. Speed limits on certain state highways. The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on U.S. Route 4, Vermont Route 12, and Vermont Route 106 shall be the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont from time to time as set forth in Appendix D to this ordinance. This provision is intended to duplicate the speed limit established under 23 V.S.A. §1003.

§ 10. Special speed limits. Notwithstanding the specific speed limits established in this ordinance, the Select Board may from time to time make special regulations for the maximum speed for motor vehicles on any public highway in the Town or portions(s) thereof whenever it

appears that traffic will be congested by reason of public occasion or when a highway is being reconstructed or maintained or where utilities are being installed, relocated or maintained.

§ 11. Neighborhood electric vehicles. Notwithstanding the specific speed limits established in §§ 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this ordinance, the maximum speed for a neighborhood electric vehicle shall be 25 miles per hour on all highways.

§ 12. Enforcement Officials. This ordinance may be enforced by the enforcement officials and by any other properly qualified law enforcement officers in the State of Vermont.

§ 13. Placement of signs and traffic control devices. The chief of police and other enforcement officials shall have the duty and authority to post and maintain all signs and other traffic control devices as shall be required by law or as shall otherwise be deemed necessary for public notice of the regulations contained in this ordinance.

§ 14. Enforcement; penalties. This shall be a civil ordinance which shall be enforced in accordance with applicable provisions of 24 V. S. A. Chapter 59, including §§ 1974a and 1977 et. seqs. or any substituted provisions therefore, or through any Vermont court, bureau, or other tribunal having proper jurisdiction. The penalty for a violation of any maximum speed limit enforced under this ordinance shall be that set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

§ 15. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

§ 16. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Select Board of the Town, provided, however, if a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the effective date.

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
UNPAVED ROADS
GROUP 1
APPENDIX A

Academy Circle	Grassy Lane	Rose Hill Ext.
Arthur Morgan Road	Green Road.	Sawyer Road.
Austin Road	Green Road. Ext.	Sincerbeaux Road
Barberry Hill	Grove Hill	Skyland Lane
Barberry Circle	Gully Road.	South Road
Benedict Road.	Hall Circle	Stimets Road
Biscuit Hollow Road.	Happy Valley Road	Sugar Hill Road.
Blankey Cottage Lane	Hartland Hill Road.	Taftsville Cov Bridge Road
Blackbriar Road	Hewitt Lane	Taftsville Covered Bridge
Blossom Hill	Hillside Road.	Road East
Border Lane	Hoadley Road.	the Lane
Bourdon Road	Hodgkinson Road.	The Loop
Bourdon Road. Ext.	Hollow Farm Road	Thomas Hill
Bridges Road	Kaufman Road	Town Farm Road
Britton Lane	Kendall Road.	Tucker Road
Brooks' Bungalow Road	Keeling Road.	Valley View Ext.
Bryant Road	Larry Curtis Road	Valley View Road.
Bud Smith Lane	Laughlin Road	Westerdale Road.
Butternut Lane	Leonard Lane	Westerdale Cut-off Road
Carlton Hill	Leonard Lane Spur	Woolen Mill Drive
Church Hill Road	Lincoln Lane	Worden Road.
Cloudland Road	Long Hill Road	Wyman Lane
College Hill	Mecawee Road	
Cox District Road	Mecawee Road. Ext.	
Cowdrey Path	Mertens Road	
Curtis Hollow Road	Mill Road.	
Dana Road	Mill Road. Ext.	
Daniel Cox Road	Morgan Hill Road	
Densmore Hill	Morgan Hill Ext.	
Dunham Hill Road	Noah Wood Road	
East Hill	North Bridgewater Road	
Evergreen Court	Peabody Road.	
Fairview Drive	Peterkin Hill	
Fay Pierce Lane	Pinnacle Spur	
Fletcher Hill	Prosper Road	
Fletcher Hill Ext.	Quinn Road	
Folding Hills Road	Randall Road. (No. & So.)	
French's Road	River Road	
Gabert Road.	Riverside Park Road	
Garvin Hill Road.	Roberts Road	
	Rose Hill	

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
UNPAVED ROADS
GROUP 2
APPENDIX A**

Shurtleff Lane

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
GROUP 1
PAVED ROADS 35 MPH
APPENDIX B**

Cox District Road
Gabert Road
Hartland Hill Road
Morgan Hill Road
Pomfret Road, South of Stimetz Road Intersection
Prosper Road
River Road

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
GROUP 2
PAVED ROADS 25 MPH
APPENDIX B**

Barberry Hill Road
Butternut Lane
College Hill Road, east of Shurtleff Lane Intersection
Happy Valley Road
Lincoln Street Extn
Mill Road
Rose Hill
Sawyer Road
Senior Lane
Taftsville Covered Bridge Road
Thomas Hill
Valley View Road
Woolen Mill Drive

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
GROUP 3
PAVED ROADS 45 MPH
APPENDIX B**

Pomfret Road, North of Stimets Road

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING STUDY
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION
 Unpaved Roads
APPENDIX C

ROAD NAME	NEIGHBORHOOD	DENSITY	VEHICULAR TRAFFIC	PORTION OF ROAD AFFECTED	ROAD GEOMETRY	SPEED LIMIT
Shurtleff Lane	Residential	Moderate	Moderate	Town	Straight	25 mph

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING STUDY
SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STATE HIGHWAYS
APPENDIX D**

25 mph until Village line at which point the speed limit increases to 35 mph eastbound to the area of 440 Woodstock Road (at or near Woodstock Farm and Garden) where it turns to 40 mph to an area at or near 425 Woodstock Road at which time the speed increases to 50 mph

to an area at or near 418 Woodstock Road (by cemetery) where the speed limit reduces to 40 mph

to an area at or near 410 Woodstock Road where the speed limit reduces to 35 mph continuing at 35 mph through the Town line

Westbound from Hartland/Woodstock town line

35 mph turns to 40 mph at or near 410 Woodstock Road at which point the speed limit increases to 50 mph until a point

at or near 418 Woodstock Road at which point the speed limit continues at 50 mph

at or near 425 Woodstock Road at which point the speed limit decreases to 40 mph then turning into 35 mph to the area at or near 440 Woodstock Road

at the Village line at which point the speed limit is 25 mph

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25 mph to 35 mph at Village line

continuing until mile marker 0126

where it increases to 50 mph

*35 mph sign coming in NOT marked – 1st 35 mph sign at Stimets Road

South Woodstock

South Street southbound

25 mph to Village line at which point the speed limit increases to 40 mph

at or near 106001 South Road at which point the speed limit increases to 50 mph

at or near 106051 South Road at which point the speed limit decreases to 30 mph at or about Kedron Valley Garage

to a point (mile marker) where the speed limit increases to 40 mph

at or near mile marker 0060 at which point the speed limit increases to 50 mph.

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING STUDY
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION
APPENDIX E**

ROAD NAME	NEIGHBORHOOD	DENSITY	VEHICULAR TRAFFIC	PORTION OF ROAD AFFECTED	ROAD GEOMETRY	SPEED LIMIT
Barberry Hill Road	Residential	High	High	Paved	Curves	25 mph
Butternut Lane	Residential	High	Low	All	Straight	25 mph
College Hill	Residential	High	High	Paved	Curves/hill	25 mph
Cox District Road	Residential	Medium	High	All	Curves/hill	35 mph
Evergreen Court	Residential	High	Moderate	All	Straight	35 mph
Gabert Road	Rural	Low	Low	All	Curves/hill	35 mph
Happy Valley Road	Residential	High	High	Paved	Straight /hill	25 mph
Hartland Hill Road	Residential	Medium	High	All	Straight/hill	35 mph
Lincoln Street Extn	Residential	Medium	Moderate	All	Curves	25 mph
Mill Road	Rural	Low	High	All	Straight	25 mph
Morgan Hill Road	Residential / Farm	Low	Moderate	Paved	Straight	35 mph
Pomfret Road	Residential	Medium	High	No of Stimets Rd	Straight	45 mph
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Prosper Road	Residential	Medium	High	All	Curves/hill	35 mph
River Road	Residential	Medium	High	All	Curves	35 mph
Rose Hill	Residential	Low	Moderate	Paved	Curves/hill	25 mph
Sawyer Road	Residential	Low	Light	All	Curves/hill	25 mph
Senior Lane	Residential / Comm	Heavy	Moderate	All	Curve	25 mph
Taftsville Covered Bridge Road	Commercial	Low	High	All	Curve/hill	25 mph
Thomas Hill	Residential	Low	High	All	Hill	25 mph
Valley View Road	Residential	High	Moderate	Paved	Hill / Curve	25 mph
Woolen Mill Drive	Commercial	Low	Moderate	All	Straight	25 mph