

Chapter 2. Traffic Ordinances

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

§8201. Short title

This chapter may be known and cited as the "Traffic Ordinances."

§8202. Construction of chapter as exercise of police power

This chapter is an exercise of the police power of the Village relating to traffic and its provisions are enacted pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2291(1), (4), (5), (14), and (15) and 23 V.S.A. §§1007 and 1008, as and when applicable. The provisions of this chapter shall be construed liberally for the preservation, protection, and promotion of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience as such matters relate to traffic.

§8203. [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Section was repealed by section 1(W) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996. Previous cross reference is accordingly omitted.

§8204. General exemptions from penalties

(a) The provisions of this chapter relating to the operation and use of vehicles on Village streets and highways shall not apply to the driver or owner of a vehicle when such vehicle is actively being used in connection with installing, repairing, or otherwise improving roadways or roadway pavement, provided, however, this provision shall not be construed to relieve such person from the duty to operate with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street or roadway. In this connection, the vehicle shall be properly equipped with amber signal lamps which shall be used at all times in accordance with Vermont law.

(b) The penalties provided in the Woodstock Village Ordinances applicable to this chapter shall not apply to any person who, at the time of the alleged violation, was complying with any lawful order, signal or direction of a police officer or person having the authority of a police officer in such matters, nor shall such penalties apply to any person who, at the time of the alleged violation and without violating §8122(b) of this title, was obeying the instructions of any applicable official traffic-control device.

Subchapter 2. Speed Regulations

§8221. Maximum speed limit

(a) No person shall drive a vehicle at any time on any public roadway in the Village at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.

(b) The Chief of Police shall erect and maintain signs on all streets and highways which intersect the boundaries of the Village at or near the point of such intersection, or at or near the terminus of a state highway when applicable, and at such other locations as are

required by Vermont law, giving notice of the maximum speed limit established under subsection (a) of this section. The standards for such signs shall be governed by §8132 of this title.

(c) No person shall drive a vehicle at any time on any public roadway in the Village at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing, provided, however, this provision shall not be construed to allow a speed in excess of the maximum speed limit established under subsection (a) of this section or under any other Village ordinance or special regulation promulgated thereunder or under any Vermont law.

(d) REPEALED.

Cross References:

1. See local speed limits, 23 V.S.A. §1007.
2. See Village of Woodstock Traffic and Engineering Study.

History:

1993 Amendment. Subsection (d) was added by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #2, adopted by the Board on November 23, 1992, effective January 24, 1993.

1999 Amendment. Subsection (a) was amended by deleting the second sentence (which referred to a segment of Route 4 further easterly) by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #9, adopted by the Board on January 25, 1999, effective March 26, 1999.

Revision #15, November 12, 2013 by the Board of Village Trustees to the 2009 compilation of the Woodstock Village Ordinances repealed 8221 (d) which read No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than 35 MPH, on Route 4, from the Westerly terminus at the Fire Station, easterly to the Village boundary.

§8222. Special speed regulations during special occasions

(a) The Trustees may, pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §1010, make special regulations from time to time as to the maximum speed at which vehicles may be operated on any public roadway or roadways in the Village or portion or portions thereof whenever it appears that traffic will be congested by reason of a public occasion.

(b) The Chief of Police shall conspicuously post and maintain signs indicating the special speed regulations made by the Trustees pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §1010 in and near all affected roadways or portions thereof during any time such regulations shall be in effect. The standards for such signs shall be governed by §8132 of this title.

(c) A maximum speed limit established by special regulation and for which proper signs have been posted as provided in this section shall take precedence over the maximum speed limit established under §8221(a) of this subchapter during any time for which such special speed regulation is, by its terms, in effect.

(d) No person shall drive a vehicle in excess of the maximum speed limit then in effect by reason of a special regulation made by the Trustees pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §1010 on any public roadway or roadways of the Village or portion or portions thereof affected by such special regulation.

(e) During the time that Central Street traffic is affected by reason of the reconstruction of the Bridge No. 51, Post Office Bridge so-called, parking regulations will be temporarily amended as described herein. Effective dates of these temporary parking regulations shall be between April 1, 2018 and July 1, 2018, or until the bridge project is completed.

- (1) Metered parking on the south side of Central Street from the crosswalk between Bentley's Restaurant and the Woodstock Pharmacy easterly to the Post Office Bridge, will be temporarily suspended.
- (2) Metered parking on the north side of Central St. From the crosswalk between Bentley's Restaurant and the Woodstock Pharmacy easterly to the Post Office Bridge, will be temporarily suspended.
- (3) A Two-Hour Non-Metered parking zone is created on the south side of Central Street from the crosswalk between Bentley's Restaurant and the Woodstock Pharmacy easterly to the Post Office Bridge is hereby created.
- (4) A Two-Hour Non-Metered parking zone is created on the north side of Central Street beginning at the crosswalk between Bentley's Restaurant and the Woodstock Pharmacy easterly to the Post Office.
- (5) This Two-Hour Non-Metered parking zone, on the north side of Central Street beginning at the crosswalk between Bentley's Restaurant and the Woodstock Pharmacy extending easterly to the Post Office driveway, shall be in effect between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Sunday.
- (6) This Two-Hour Non-Metered parking zone, on the south side of Central Street beginning at the crosswalk between Bentley's Restaurant and the Woodstock Pharmacy extending easterly to the Post Office driveway, shall be in effect between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Sunday.
- (7) Fines for parking in this temporary Two-Hour Non-Metered parking meter zone shall be according to the schedule of parking fines found in Appendix K of Title 8, W.V.O.
- (8) When a car stays at a parking space in the temporary Two-Hour Non-Metered parking zone, each violation of the Two-Hour Non-Metered parking zone shall be counted as a separate offense, and a parking ticket will be issue for consecutive violations.

§8223. School zone

The Chief of Police shall erect and maintain warning signs as provided in 19 V.S.A. §921 or any other Vermont law on all public roadways near a school.

§8224. Enforcement

(a) The prohibition contained in subsection 8221(a) of this subchapter shall not be enforceable against any person violating such provision unless, at the time of such violation, an appropriate sign giving notice is properly posted as provided in subsection 8221(b) of this subchapter so as to cover the place of such violation.

(b) The prohibition contained in subsection 8222(c) of this subchapter shall not be enforceable against any person violating such provision unless, at the time of such violation, an appropriate sign giving notice is properly posted as provided in subsection 8222(b) of this subchapter so as to cover the place of such violation.

§8225. Limitation on penalties

No person shall be fined under more than one subsection of this subchapter for the same occurrence.

Subchapter 3. Turning, Passing and Direction of Traffic**§8231. Turning right at intersections**

The operator of a vehicle turning right at an intersection shall stay as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway when approaching and when turning right.

§8232. Turning left at intersections

(a) The operator of a vehicle turning left at any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection shall approach and make the left turn in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of such center line where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the roadway being entered and, whenever practicable, a left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.

(b) The operator of a vehicle turning left at any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways entering the intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left lane open to traffic proceeding in that direction and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered.

§8233. Turning left prohibited

No person shall operate a vehicle so as to make a left turn at the following roadway intersections in the manner hereinafter described:

(a) From Mountain Avenue onto; the street known as The Green.

- (b) From South Street onto; the street known as The Green.
- (c) From the end of Prospect Street near the westerly end of the Village Green onto any street;
- (d) From Court Street onto; and the street known as The Green”
- (e) From Elm Street onto Central Street.

History:

1994 Amendment. Previous subsection (d) was redesignated subsection (e) and a new subsection (d) was added relating to the southerly end of Elm Street onto Central Street by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #4, adopted by the Board on July 25, 1994, effective September 23, 1994.

1994 Amendment. Subsection (d) was added by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #3, adopted by the Board on December 27, 1993, effective February 25, 1994.

2016 Amendment changes the names of North Park Street and South Park Street to the street known as The Green.

§8234. Special turning lanes

(a) Special turning lanes are hereby established on the following portions of roadways for the purposes herein specified:

(1) [Repealed]

(2) [Repealed]

(3) On the street known as The Green eastbound, commencing at its intersection with the street known as The Green and proceeding to a point approximately twenty feet beyond the easterly end of the Village Green for traffic turning left, in the rotary pattern, to proceed westerly on the street known as The Green and for traffic intending to park along the Village Green; and

(4) On the street known as The Green commencing at a point approximately fifty feet easterly of the westerly end of the Village Green and proceeding to a point approximately twenty feet beyond the westerly end of the Village Green for traffic turning left, in the rotary pattern, to proceed easterly on and for traffic the street known as The Green intending to park along the Village Green.

History:

1994 Amendment. Subsections (1) and (2) relating to Elm and Central Streets were repealed by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #4, adopted by the Board on July 25, 1994, effective September 23, 1994.

§8235. U-turns prohibited

No person shall drive a vehicle so as to make a U-turn on any roadway or roadways. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the driver of a vehicle from turning left while engaging in rotary traffic as permitted under this subchapter.

§8236. Rotary traffic around Village Green

(a) Rotary traffic is hereby established for those portions of the roadways of the street known as The Green adjoining the Village Green except for pedestrians.

- (b) All traffic on that portion of the roadway of the street known as The Green adjoining the Village Green shall proceed in a westerly direction, provided, however, at the westerly end of the Village Green, a left turn may be made to remain on a street known as The Green or a left then right turn may be made so as to enter Prospect Street at its terminus near the westerly end of the Village Green.
- (c) All traffic on that portion of the roadway of adjoining the street known as The Green Village Green shall proceed in an easterly direction, provided, however, a left turn may be made to remain on the street known as The Green at the easterly end of the Village Green.
- (d) This section shall not be construed to prohibit any right turns on the affected portions of roadways which are not otherwise prohibited.

§8237. One-way streets and alleys; restricted streets

- (a) All traffic except pedestrians and bicycles on the following roadways or portions of roadways shall proceed only in the direction hereinafter specified:
 - (1) That portion of Mechanic Street leading from the intersection with Central Street to the southerly end of the abutting blocks fronting on Central Street ("the Alley" so-called), in a southerly direction.
- (b) All traffic except pedestrians and bicycles shall be prohibited from School Street from 7:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. and from 2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. from September 1 to June 20 of each year.

§8238. Backing

- (a) No person shall back a vehicle from a public roadway onto another public roadway.
- (b) No person shall back a vehicle from a private roadway or driveway onto a public roadway where a sign prohibiting such backing is posted.
- (c) No person shall back a vehicle along a public roadway except a person may back a vehicle along a public roadway a distance not to exceed fifteen feet while in the process of backing to enter a vacant parking space or to enter a private driveway when such movement can be made safely.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a driver of a vehicle while actually engaged in plowing snow provided the vehicle is properly equipped with amber signal lamps which are being used at the time in accordance with Vermont law.

§8239. Passing and overtaking

- (a) Drivers of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right and upon roadways having width for not more than one line of traffic in each direction each driver shall give to the other at least one-half of the main traveled portion of the roadway as nearly as possible.
- (b) Drivers of vehicles shall not overtake or pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction on the left of such other vehicle except in using a special turning lane for the purpose such special turning lane has been established.
- (c) Drivers of vehicles shall not overtake or pass another vehicle proceeding in the same

direction on the right of such other vehicle except when such other vehicle is proceeding in a special turning lane or is making or about to make a left turn when such movement can be made safely.

§8240. [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Section was repealed by section 1(X) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

Subchapter 4. Stopping and Yielding at Intersections

§8241. Stops required when entering through streets

- (a) The following streets and portions of streets are hereby declared to be through streets:
- (1) From the westerly terminus of River Street at the Village boundary easterly to Church Street;
 - (2) Church Street (but not Church Street Extension);
 - (3) the street known as The Green , west bound
 - (4) the street known as The Green eastbound;
 - (5) Central Street;
 - (6) Elm Street;
 - (7) From the northerly terminus of Elm Street northerly to the Village boundary;
 - (8) Pleasant Street;
 - (9) From the easterly terminus of Pleasant Street to the westerly terminus of the Vermont state highway known as Route 4 near the present fire station property; and
 - (10) South Street.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, all traffic traveling on a through street shall have the right of way at all intersections.
- (c) The driver of a vehicle entering a through street from an intersecting street which is not a through street shall stop the vehicle at the entrance to such through street and then shall yield the right of way as provided in §8243 of this subchapter.
- (d) The Chief of Police shall place and maintain a stop sign at or near each point where a lane of traffic proceeding on a street which is not a through street enters onto a through street.

§8242. Other stops required at certain intersections.

- (a) Preferential right of way at the intersections as listed in subsection (b) of this section shall be established by stop signs placed and maintained as provided in this section.
- (b) Stop signs shall be placed and maintained as follows:
- (1) On Elm Street where the lanes of traffic enter Central Street;
 - (2) On Pleasant Street where the lane of traffic enters Elm Street;

- (3) On Pleasant Street where the lane of traffic enters Central Street;
 - (4) On the street known as The Green where the lane of traffic, as part of the rotary traffic around the Village Green, goes left around the easterly end of the Village Green and enters ; the street known as The Green westbound;
 - (5) On South Street where the lane of traffic enters the street known as The Green eastbound;
 - (6) On the northbound portion of Church Street (in front of St. James Episcopal Church) where it enters the westbound portion of Church Street forming part of U.S. Route #4;
 - (7) On Mountain Avenue at all locations where a lane of traffic enters River Street;
 - (8) On River Street at all locations where a lane of traffic enters Mountain Avenue;
 - (9) On North Street where the lane of traffic enters River Street;
 - (10) On School Street where the lane of traffic enters Linden Hill;
 - (11) On Linden Hill where the lane of traffic enters Prospect Street;
 - (12) On the southbound portion of Church Street (in front of St. James Episcopal Church) where it enters Prospect Street;
 - (13) On Mechanic Street where the lane of traffic enters Court Street;
 - (14) On Shurtleff Lane where the lane of traffic enters Prospect Street;
 - (15) On Terrace St. where the lane of traffic enters Linden Hill;
 - (16) On Terrace St. where the lane of traffic enters South Street;
 - (17) On Pine Street where the lane of traffic enters Linden Hill;
 - (18) On Court Street where the lane of traffic enters Cross Street;
 - (19) On Golf Avenue where the lane of traffic enters Cross and High Streets; and
 - (20) On Golf Avenue where the lane of traffic enters Maple Street.
- (c) The Chief of Police shall place and maintain a stop sign at all locations specified in this section at or near the entrance to the intersection as specified.

§8243. Vehicles to stop at stop signs.

When a stop sign is placed at an intersection pursuant to any provision contained in sections 8241 and 8242 of this subchapter as required, the driver of a vehicle approaching such stop sign shall stop the vehicle, before entering such intersection, at a clearly marked stop line on the pavement if any, or, if none, then at any crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, in the event there is no crosswalk, then at the point nearest the roadway being entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on such roadway. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection or which is approaching so closely on the roadway being entered as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the driver shall obey the directions of a police officer or other person authorized to direct traffic.

§8244. Yields required at certain intersections.

- (a) The intersections as listed in subsection (b) of this section shall be established by yield the street known as The Green signs placed and maintained as provided in this section.
- (b) Yield signs shall be placed and maintained as follows:
 - (1) On the street known as The Green where the lane of traffic, as part of the rotary

traffic around the Village Green, goes left around the westerly end of the Village Green and enters the street known as The Green eastbound;

(c) The Chief of Police shall place and maintain a yield sign at all locations specified in this section at or near the entrance to the intersection as specified.

§8245. Vehicles to yield at yield signs.

When a yield sign is placed at an intersection pursuant to any provision contained in §8244 of this subchapter as required, the driver of a vehicle approaching such yield sign shall slow the vehicle down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and, if required for safety, shall stop the vehicle in the same manner as if a stop sign had been posted at such intersection. After slowing or stopping, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time such driver is moving across or within the intersection.

§8246. Emerging from private road or driveway

The driver of a vehicle emerging from a private road or driveway shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across or beyond the private road or driveway, yielding the right of way to any pedestrian as may be necessary to avoid collision, and upon entering the public roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

§8247. Stop where traffic is obstructed

No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle such driver is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control device or ordinance to the contrary.

§8248. [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Section was repealed by section 1(Y) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

Subchapter 5. Crosswalks and Pedestrians

§8251. Crosswalks established

- (a) The crosswalk locations designated by the Trustees and listed in Appendix J to this title are hereby established and shall be known as marked crosswalks.
- (b) The Chief of Police shall cause each marked crosswalk established by this section to be marked conspicuously on the roadway and shall place and erect signs in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, (MUTCD) indicating the existence of such marked crosswalk and it is the duty of the driver of any vehicle to yield to pedestrians using such marked crosswalks.

§8252. Pedestrian right of way in marked crosswalk

- (a) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk.
- (b) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for a driver to yield.
- (c) Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks, determined by the direction in which such pedestrian is proceeding.

§8253. Pedestrians to yield right of way

A pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point other than within a marked crosswalk shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway except this provision shall not apply to a pedestrian who, by reason of handicap, is given the right of way in such circumstances under applicable law.

§8254. Pedestrians on roadways

- (a) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb except in a marked crosswalk or except as directed by a police officer or other person authorized to direct traffic.
- (b) Where public sidewalks are provided and are passable no pedestrian shall walk or travel along and upon an adjacent roadway and where public sidewalks are not provided or are not passable any pedestrian walking along and upon a roadway shall when practicable walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.
- (c) No person shall stand within a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, contributions, or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

§8255. Obstructing pedestrian traffic

No person shall stop or congregate on any sidewalk or other portion of a public street or highway so as to obstruct the same or inhibit the free flow of pedestrian traffic. Neither shall any person place, display or maintain, or cause to be placed, displayed or maintained, any merchandise offered for sale or any sign advertising any goods or services for sale, upon or over any Village sidewalk so as to obstruct the free flow of pedestrian traffic.

History:

1994 Amendment. Section was amended by adding the second sentence by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #3, adopted by the Board on December 27, 1993, effective February 25, 1994. Revision adopted by the Board February 14, 2012, effective April 14, 2012.

§8256. [Repealed]History:

1994 Amendment. Section was amended by adding the second sentence by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #3, adopted by the Board on December 27, 1993, effective February 25, 1994. Revision adopted by the Board February 14, 2012, effective April 14, 2012.

Revision # 9 to the 2009 compilation of Woodstock Village Ordinances adopted February 14, 2012 and effective April 14, 2012 amended sections 8251 and 8252 by referencing the MUTCD

§8256. [Repealed]History:

1996 Amendment. Section was repealed by section 1(Z) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996. Previous cross reference is accordingly omitted.

Subchapter 6. Miscellaneous Regulations

§8261. Bicycles

- (a) A person riding a bicycle shall have all the rights and be subject to all the duties in this title applicable to drivers of vehicles except those provisions which by their very nature can have no application to one riding a bicycle and except as such rights and duties are modified in this section or by Vermont law.
- (b) No person shall operate a bicycle on any roadway in violation of the following rules:
- (1) The operator shall not ride a bicycle at any time when its brakes are not operating in compliance with Vermont law or at nighttime unless equipped with lamp and reflector in accordance with Vermont law.
 - (2) The operator shall not ride with another person carried on the handlebars or crossbar.
 - (3) The operator shall use at least one hand at all times to guide the direction of the bicycle.
 - (4) Except when turning left, the operator shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable exercising due care when passing a parked vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
 - (5) The operator shall ride only in single file.

(6) The operator shall signal all left turns not immediately preceded by a stop, in advance, by extending the left arm out straight, horizontally, to the left.

(7) Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided for public use adjacent to a roadway, the operator may use only such path and may not use the roadway.

(8) The operator shall not ride while both ears are covered or plugged with headphones or similar devices designed to generate music or other sounds except such devices as are designed to enhance hearing ability.

(9) The operator shall not ride on any sidewalk or marked crosswalk except to cross the same at points where motor vehicles are permitted to cross the same.

(10) At any marked crosswalk or other place where pedestrians may lawfully walk across a street, a bicycle rider may dismount and walk on a marked crosswalk while pushing the bicycle along. While walking in this matter, the bicyclist shall obey all laws and ordinances governing pedestrians.

(11) The operator of a bicycle shall not ride while clinging or attaching the bicycle or himself to any motor vehicle.

(c) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (c) was repealed by section 1(AA) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8262. Other motorized vehicles

(a) No person shall operate a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or golf cart on roadways, sidewalks, and public parking areas. Neither shall a person operate construction equipment other than rubber tired vehicles without first obtaining a permit.

(b) A person operating a motorcycle or moped shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle or moped unless such motorcycle or moped is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the operator.

(c) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (c) was repealed by section 1(BB) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8263. Roller skates, street skates and skateboards

(a) No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard, street skates, or a scooter upon any of the Village streets (including sidewalks) unless otherwise posted. Excepted from this regulation shall be children of eleven years of age or less who are accompanied by a parent,

guardian or other responsible caregiver who is supervising the child (children) operating these regulated wheeled devices. For the child to be exempt from this ordinance, the caregiver responsible for the child (children) must supervise the child (children) in a manner specifically intended to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the child while also preserving the rights for quiet enjoyment of the immediate neighborhood and its occupants. This exception is limited to those area[s] of the Village located outside of the parking meter zone.

(b) No person shall roller skate or ride a skateboard, street skates, or a scooter while clinging himself or such conveyance to any motor vehicle.

(c) [Repealed]

Cross References:

1. See §8101(23) for definition of the parking meter zone.

History:

1990 Amendment. By vote of Special Village Meeting on August 1, 1990, subsection (a) was amended effective immediately to include all Village streets within the prohibitions. Prior law limited the prohibitions to: (1) Elm Street (from Central Street to the Elm Street Bridge); (2) the street known as The Green; (3) the street known as The Green; (4) Central Street; and (5) Pleasant Street. Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #1.

1996 Amendment. Subsection (c) was repealed by section 1(CC) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

2001 Amendment. Subsection (a) was amended by adding the final three sentences by Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #13 dated July 23, 2001, effective September 21, 2001.

§8264. Special occasions

(a) The Trustees may, pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §1010, make special traffic regulations from time to time relating to the use of any Village highway or sidewalk or portions thereof whenever it appears that traffic will be congested by reason of a public occasion.

(b) The Chief of Police shall conspicuously post and maintain signs indicating the special traffic regulations made by the Trustees pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §1010 in and near all affected areas during any time such regulations shall be in effect.

(c) A special traffic regulation for which proper signs have been posted as provided in this section shall take precedence over any inconsistent provision of this title during any time for which such special traffic regulation is, by its terms, effective.

(d) No person shall violate any special traffic regulation made by the Trustees pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §1010 provided this prohibition shall not be effective unless and until signs indicating the special traffic regulations are conspicuously posted in and near all affected areas.

§8265. Weight limits

(a) Except for the purpose of making delivery or picking up a load thereon, no person shall operate a tractor, trailer, motor truck or other motor vehicle having a manufacturer's designated gross vehicle weight exceeding 16,000 pounds on the following Village streets and highways:

- (1) River Street

- (2) Mountain Avenue.
- (3) High Street
- (b) The Chief of Police shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the weight limits established by this section at each end of the highways affected.
- (c) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (c) was repealed by section 1(DD) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8266. Boarding or alighting from motor vehicles in motion

- (a) No person shall board or alight from any motor vehicle while such motor vehicle is in motion.
- (b) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (b) was repealed by section 1(EE) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8267. Riding on running boards, fenders, and hoods

- (a) No person shall ride upon the running board, fender, outside step, hood or roof of a motor vehicle while such motor vehicle is in motion on a highway or public parking area except this provision shall not apply to garbage collection vehicles and fire department vehicles.
- (b) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (b) was repealed by section 1(FF) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8268. Driving on sidewalk prohibited

- (a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a sidewalk or within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway.
- (b) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (b) was repealed by section 1(GG) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8269. Operation of vehicles on approach of emergency vehicles

- (a) Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle for which a siren and signal lamp permit has been issued pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §1252(a)(1) or §1252(a)(2), when the driver thereof is giving audible or visual signs as set forth in 23 V.S.A. §1050, the driver

of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer or other person authorized to direct traffic.

(b) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of such emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the roadway.

(c) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (c) was repealed by section 1(HH) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8270. Persons riding animals

(a) A person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle upon a roadway is granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by this title except those provisions of this title which by their very nature can have no application.

(b) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (b) was repealed by section 1(II) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8271. Unattended motor vehicles

(a) No person shall leave a motor vehicle unattended upon any Village highway or public parking area while the motor of such vehicle is running.

(b) No person shall leave a motor vehicle without a driver upon any portion of any Village highway or public parking area having an incline unless the vehicle is secured against moving.

(c) No person shall leave the ignition key in the ignition or in any visible place within or upon a motor vehicle parked on any Village highway or public parking area when such motor vehicle is left unattended.

(d) For purposes of this section a motor vehicle shall be construed as being unattended when no individual having an operator's license is in or at the motor vehicle.

(e) The registered owner of a motor vehicle found in violation of this section shall be presumed responsible for any violation of this section.

(f) This section shall not apply to an authorized emergency vehicle.

(g) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (g) was repealed by section 1(JJ) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

§8272. Transporting a building

(a) No person shall transport a building which has not been substantially disassembled over any Village street or highway which is not a through street as defined in section 8241(a) of this chapter without first having obtained a written permit from the Board of Trustees therefor.

(b) The Board of Trustees shall issue a written permit for the transportation of such buildings over Village streets or highways upon such terms and conditions relating to time, place, and manner as are, under the circumstances, necessary to coordinate such transport with the Village Police Department and, in general, to protect the public safety.

(c) [Repealed]

History:

1996 Amendment. Subsection (c) was repealed by section 1(KK) of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #5, adopted by the Board on January 22, 1996, effective March 22, 1996.

Subchapter 7. Weight, Size, Loads**§8281. Operation without valid state permit**

No person shall operate or cause to be operated a traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck or other motor vehicle on any village street or highway without first obtaining, having in his or her possession, and paying for all necessary state permits required for such vehicle due to the weight or size of such vehicle or the load being carried by such vehicle.

§8282. Operation in violation of state permit

No person shall operate or cause to be operated a traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck or other motor vehicle on any village street or highway in violation of the terms and conditions of any necessary state permit required for such vehicle due to the weight or size of such vehicle or the load being carried by such vehicle.

§8283. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter, the term “size” shall include without limitation height, width, and length, and the phrases “state permit” and “state permits” means any State of Vermont permit required under any provision of 23 V.S.A. Chapter 13, Subchapter 15, currently existing or as hereafter from time to time amended.

§8284. Defenses

For purposes of this [subchapter], it shall be an absolute defense if the alleged violator proves that his or her operation of such vehicle without the required permit was nevertheless under special permission from the Vermont commissioner of motor vehicles or delegate.

History:

1998 Amendment. Subchapter 7 was added by section 1 of Woodstock Village Ordinance Revision #8, adopted by the Board on April 27, 1998, effective June 26, 1998. The introductory clause to section 8284 was enacted with the end word “section” rather than the

bracketed word “subchapter” but it is clear that the word “subchapter” was intended and so it is used here.