

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, VT  
SPEED ORDINANCES FOR HIGHWAYS

General Provisions and Enforcement

Be it ordained by the Select Board of the Town of Woodstock, Vermont that the existing town ordinance titled Town of Woodstock Speed Ordinances for Highways, adopted February 16, 2021 and effective April 17, 2021 is hereby revised in its entirety by deleting all existing language thereof and substituting the following language:

§ 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), 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 which have a gravel surface. Unpaved highways are described or listed in Appendix A.
  - (A) Group 1- Unpaved roads, 25mph zone.
  - (B) Group 2- Unpaved Roads, 35mph zone.
- (b) "Paved Highway" means the town highways and portions of town highways which have an asphalt surface. Paved highways are described or listed in Appendix B.
  - (A) Group 3- Paved Roads, 25mph zone.
  - (B) Group 4- Paved Roads, 35mph zone.
  - (C) Group 5- Paved Roads, 45mph zone.

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- (c) "Certain State Highways" means the highways or portions of highways which are State Highways; US Route 4, Vermont Route 12, and Vermont Route 106. Certain State Highways are described or listed in Appendix C.
- (d) "Enforcement officials" shall include any Town constable and any officer in a 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 unpaved highways. These limits have been established after considering the neighborhood character, abutting land uses, bicycle and pedestrian use, and physical characteristics of all unpaved highways.

- (a) The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all unpaved highways listed or described in Appendix A, Group 1 shall be 25 miles per hour.
- (b) The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all unpaved highways listed or described in Appendix A, Group 2 shall be 35 miles per hour.

§ 6. Speed limits for paved highways. These limits have been established after considering the neighborhood character, abutting land uses, bicycle and pedestrian use, and physical characteristics of all paved highways.

- (a) The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all paved highways listed or described in Appendix B, Group 3 shall be 25 miles per hour.
- (b) The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all paved highways listed or described in Appendix B, Group 4 shall be 35 miles per hour.
- (c) The maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on all paved highways listed or described in Appendix B, Group 5 shall be 45 miles per hour.

§ 7. 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 C of this ordinance. This provision is intended to duplicate the speed limit established under 23 V.S.A. §1003.

§ 8. 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.

§ 9. 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.

§ 10. 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.

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§ 11. 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.


§ 12. 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.

§ 13. 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.

§ 14. Effective date. This ordinance revision is hereby adopted by the Select Board of the Town of Woodstock, Vermont on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 and shall, unless a petition is filed as provided by state law, become effective sixty (60) days from this date. Repeal of existing ordinance will take effect when this revision goes into effect on September 17, 2022.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 by the Town of Woodstock Select Board

Joe Swanson, Chair

  
Joseph Swanson (Jul 20, 2022 09:56 EDT)

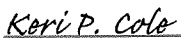
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**APPENDIX A**  
**GROUP 1**  
**UNPAVED ROADS – 25MPH SPEED LIMIT**

<b>RD #</b>	<b>Road Name</b>
52	College Hill Rd
75	Happy Valley Rd
117	Shurtleff Lane
217	Maxham Meadow Way



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APPENDIX B  
GROUP 3  
PAVED ROADS—25MPH SPEED LIMIT

RD #	Road Name
2	Covered Bridge Rd
30	Barberry Hill Rd
31	Rose Hill Rd
50	Mill Road
52	College Hill Rd
72	Lincoln Street
75	Happy Valley Rd
78	Sawyer Rd
80	Butternut Lane
84	Valley View Rd
89	Covered Bridge Rd, East
97	Woolen Mill Rd
114	Senior Lane

APPENDIX B  
GROUP 4  
PAVED ROADS—35MPH SPEED LIMIT

RD #	Road Name
1	Pomfret Rd (intersection of Barnard Rd to Stimets Rd intersection)
3	Prosper Rd
5	Hartland Hill Rd
17	Gabert Rd
23	Cox District Rd
53	Old River Rd
54	Morgan Hill Rd

APPENDIX B  
GROUP 5  
PAVED ROADS—45MPH SPEED LIMIT

RD #	Road Name
1	Pomfret Rd (north of Stimets Rd)

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**APPENDIX C**  
**SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STATE HIGHWAYS**

**US RT 4 (Woodstock Road) Eastbound from Woodstock Village to Taftsville**

- 25 mph through the Village of Woodstock
- At the Woodstock Beverage Center, speed increases to 35 mph
- In the area of #1023 US RT 4, speed increases from 35 mph to 45 mph
- At the Taftsville Cemetery, the speed slows from 45 mph to 35 mph
- Speed continues at 35 mph until just east of the Taftsville Covered Bridge, where it resumes to 45 mph and continues as such to the Hartford / Woodstock town line

**US RT 4 (Woodstock Road) Westbound from Taftsville to Woodstock Village**

- 45 mph from Hartford / Woodstock town line, to east of the Taftsville Covered Bridge
- At the top of the hill, east of the Taftsville Covered Bridge, speed reduces to 35 mph and remains as such until the Taftsville Cemetery
- At the Taftsville Cemetery, speed resumes to 45 mph
- In the area of #1023 US RT 4, speed reduces from 45 mph to 35 mph
- At the Woodstock Beverage Center, the speed reduces from 35 mph to 25 mph and remains as such through the remainder of the Village of Woodstock

**US RT 4 (West Woodstock Road) Westbound from Woodstock Village to Bridgewater**

- 25 mph through the Village of Woodstock
- At the Village town line, near #274 W. Woodstock Road, speed changes from 25 mph to 35 mph
- At #1921 W. Woodstock Road, speed increases from 35 mph to 45 mph and remains as such until #5570 W. Woodstock Road when speed slows to 35 mph entering the Town of Bridgewater US RT 4 (West Woodstock Road) Eastbound from Bridgewater to Woodstock Village
- At #5570 W. Woodstock Road, speed increases from 35 mph leaving Bridgewater, to 45 mph and remains as such until #1921 West Woodstock Road
- At #1921 W. Woodstock Road, the speed changes from 45 mph to 35 mph, and remains as such until the Woodstock Village line at #274 West Woodstock

**VT RT 12 (Barnard Road) Northbound from Woodstock Village to Barnard Town line**

- 25 mph through the Village of Woodstock
- At the Woodstock Village line, speed increases from 25 mph to 35 mph
- In the area of #446 Barnard Road, speed increases from 35 mph to 50 mph and remains as such until the Pomfret Town line.

**VT RT 12 (Barnard Road) Southbound from Barnard Town Line to Woodstock Village**

- 50 mph from the Pomfret Town line
- In the area of #446 Barnard Road, speed changes from 50 mph to 35 mph and remains as such until the Woodstock Village line where speed becomes 25 mph

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APPENDIX C  
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**VT RT 106 (South Road) Southbound from Woodstock Village to Reading Town line**

- 25 mph through the Village of Woodstock to the Village / Town line at #78 South Road
- At Village / Town line, speed increases to 40 mph.
- In the area of #938 South Road, speed increases from 40 mph to 50 mph and remains as such until Folding Hills Road
- In the area of #3466 South Road (near intersection of Folding Hills Road) speed reduces from 50 mph to 40 mph and remains as such until Cowdry Path Road.
- In the area of Cowdry Path Road, speed reduces from 40 mph to 30 mph and remains as such until the area of #5798 South Road when the speed resumes at 40 mph
- South of Long Hill Road, speed increases from 40 mph to 50 mph and remains as such until the Reading town line

**VT RT 106 (South Road) Northbound. from Reading Town line to Woodstock Village**

- 50 mph from the Reading town line
- In the area of Long Hill Road, speed reduces from 50 mph to 40 mph.
- In the area of #5798 South Road, the speed reduces from 40 mph to 30 mph and remains as such until Cowdry Path Road.
- At Cowdry Path Road, speed increases from 30 mph to 40 mph and remains as such until the area of #3466 (near the intersection of Folding Hills Road) where the speed increases to 50 mph and remains as such until the area of #938 South Road.
- In the area of #938 South Road, speed reduces from 50 mph to 40 mph and remains as such until the Woodstock Village line where the speed reduces to 25 mph.

attest: *F. Charles Regener*<sup>14</sup>  
Town Clerk

*the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Woodstock Town  
speed ordinance*