

**TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**  
**Town of Bethel, VT**

Pursuant to the provision of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated Sections 1007 and 1008; and Title 24, Vermont Statutes enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bethel that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Bethel, Vermont:

**ARTICLE I**  
**Definitions**

The definitions in Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Scope**

This ordinance established special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Bethel, VT.

**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 for any person to install any sign or device which may resemble or be mistaken for any official traffic control device without prior approval of the Town of Bethel Board of Selectmen.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Speed Regulations**

On the basis of engineering and traffic surveys, the following maximum speed limits are hereby established:

- TH 1:** 25 mph for it's entire length.
- TH 2:** 40 mph beginning at the intersection with Vt. Route 12, extending westerly 5.40 miles to the intersection of TH 31; then 30 mph from the intersection of TH 31 to the Rochester Town Line.
- TH 3:** 30 mph for it's entire length.
- TH 4:** 35 mph for it's entire length.
- TH 5:** 40 mph beginning at intersection of Vt. Route 107, extending southerly  
**(Class 2)** 1.16 miles to the intersection of TH 46, then 35 mph southerly to the Stockbridge Town Line.

- TH 5:** 25 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 12, extending northerly to the intersection with TH 25 (Sanders Road); then from the intersection with TH 25 (Sanders Road), a maximum speed of 35 mph to the Randolph Town Line. **(Amended October 21, 2013)**
- TH 6:** 35 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 107, extending northerly 1.10 miles to the intersection of TH 25; then 25 mph from the intersection of TH 25 northerly to the intersection of TH 3.
- TH 7:** 40 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 12, extending westerly 1 mile; then from 1 mile east of Vt. Route 12, 35 mph extending westerly to the Rochester Town Line.
- TH 25:** 30 mph for it's entire length.
- TH 31:** 25 mph beginning at the Stockbridge Town Line extending Northerly 4.94 miles to the intersection of TH 2. **(Amendment added October 28, 1989)**
- TH 38:** 35 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 12, extending northerly to the intersection with TH 2 (class 2). **(Amendment added October 21, 2013)**
- TH 46:** 25 mph beginning at intersection of TH 5 (Class 2), extending northerly to the intersection with Vt. Route 12, this being the entire length of TH 46. **(Amendment added May 5, 2008).**
- TH 50:** 35 mph for it's entire length.
- TH 51:** 25 mph beginning at the intersection of Vt. Route 107, extending northerly .5 miles to .02 miles north of TH 53; then from .01 miles north of TH 53, 35 mph extending northerly to the intersection of TH 4.
- TH 53:** 30 mph for it's entire length.

The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with the standards set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control devices and shall be in effect when so posted.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Parking Regulations**

- Section 1:** It shall be unlawful to park on any public highway, street or parking area within the Town of Bethel between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM from November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Section 2:** It shall be unlawful to park at any time, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or at the direction of a law enforcement officer:
1. Within 15 feet of an intersection.
  2. On private property without the consent of the Owner.

- Section 3: It shall be unlawful to park or leave a vehicle unattended upon any public highway, street or public parking area in the Town of Bethel for a period in excess of four (4) days.
- Section 4: In an emergency or on special occasions, the Bethel Town Manager may impose a parking restriction on designated highways or portions thereof or may waive the prohibition of parking for a period not to exceed one week.
- Section 5: Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance may be summarily removed at the owners expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner or selectman.
- Section 6: If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 5, hereof, does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of the date of such removal, the title to such vehicle shall escheat to the Town of Bethel and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise be disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section II.
- Section 7: Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator.

#### **ARTICLE VI** **Legal Load Limits**

- Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of 16, 000 pounds to cross the TH 47 bridge over the Third Branch of the White River.
- Section 2: It shall be unlawful for any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of 6,000 pounds to cross the TH 24 bridge over the Third Branch of the White River.

#### **ARTICLE VII** **Stop and Yield Intersections**

- Section 1: The following intersections shall be designated as **STOP** intersections, and shall be so signed;
1. TH 5 entering TH 1 (North Main Street – Main Street)
  2. The northerly leg of TH 46 entering TH 1 (Sand Hill Road – Church St)

#### **Enacted as of February 10, 1996 the following amendments**

3. A 4-way stop at the intersections of TH 31, TH 41, and TH 60 (Lympus)
4. TH 51 entering TH 4 (Cleveland Brook – North Road)
5. TH 43 entering TH 2 (Brink Hill – Campbrook Road)
6. TH 32 entering TH 2 (Hooper Hollow Road – Campbrook Road)
7. TH 83 entering TH 2 (Charlie Wilson Road – Campbrook Road)
8. TH 31 entering TH 2 (Campbell Road – Campbrook Road)

**Enacted as of November 30, 1998 the following amendments**

9. Exit from the Main Street Parking Lot entering TH 65 (by Town Hall)
10. The northerly leg of TH 2 entering the southerly leg of TH 2 (Campbrook Road – Vt. Route 12)

**Enacted as of February 10, 2003 the following amendment**

11. The northerly leg of TH 46 entering the southerly leg of TH 46 (Sand Hill Road – Pleasant Street/Vt. Route 12)

**Enacted as of July 12, 2004 the following amendment**

12. TH 25 (Sanders Road) entering upon TH 6 (Christian Hill Road)

**Enacted as of June 10, 2013 the following amendment**

13. TH 25 (Sanders Road) entering upon class 3, TH 5 (North Main Street)

Section 2: The following intersections shall be designated as yield intersections, and shall be so signed:

1. The southerly leg of TH 46 entering TH 1

**Enacted as of November 30, 1998 the following amendment**

2. TH 20 entering TH 7 (Gen. Thomas Monument Rd – Gilead Brook Rd)

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**General Provisions**

Section 1: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2: A person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be fined in accordance with penalties provided by state statutes.

Section 3: The provisions of this ordinance are declared severable, and if any provision hereof by judged invalid, such judgement shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Section 4: Any other traffic ordinance or regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Bethel is hereby repealed.

Section 5: This ordinance is referred to the General Highway Map of the Town of Bethel, Prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and dated February 10, 1979.

Section 6: This ordinance shall be published in the White River Valley Herald on 6-23-88 and shall be filed in the records of the Town of Bethel on 6-13-88.

**ADOPTED JUNE 13, 1988 (Effective August 13, 1988)**