

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

TOWN OF GUILFORD

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Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1007 and 1008, and Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated Sections 1971 and 2291 (1)(4) and (5), and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Selectboard of the Town of Guilford that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Guilford, Vermont.

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

1. The definitions of 23 V.S.A. § 4 are incorporated by reference.
2. “Intersection” means any street that joins another at an angle, whether or not it crosses the other.
3. “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices” (MUTCD) for streets and highways means a publication of the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration setting forth standards for traffic control devices and which shall be the standards for all traffic control signs, signals and markings within the state, as set forth in Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1025.
4. “Official Traffic Control Device” means any traffic light, flashing beacon, sign, signal or marking placed or authorized by the Selectboard for the regulation of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or of parking and any sign, signal or marking placed by a police officer or other authorized person to designate temporary regulations.
5. “Parking” is the stopping or standing of a vehicle on a street, whether the vehicle is occupied or unoccupied.
6. “Police Officer” shall include sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, police officers, motor vehicle inspectors, state game wardens and state police.
7. “Vehicle” shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power. A vehicle includes, but is not limited to, pleasure cars, trucks, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.
8. “Caution sign” is any sign warning vehicle operators of additionally needed precautions.
9. “Board” is the Town of Guilford Selectboard.

ARTICLE II
SCOPE

The ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Guilford, Vermont.

ARTICLE III
OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS & Stop and Yield Intersections

Section 1. Location of Traffic Control Signs

Traffic control signs and/or painted stop lines on paved highways shall be maintained at the following locations.

- A. The following intersections shall be designated as “STOP” intersections, and shall be so signed:
1. T.H. #01 Stage Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
 2. T.H. #01 Stage Rd. traveling west entering T.H. #05 Green River Rd. at Covered Bridge
 3. T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy
 4. T.H. #03 Tyler Hill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy
 5. T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd.
 6. T.H. #05 Green River Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd
 7. T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
 8. T.H. # 07 River Road entering T. H. #01 Stage Rd.
 9. T.H. #10 Hale Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
 10. T.H. #11 Hayes Rd entering T.H. #10 Hale Rd.
 11. T.H. #12 Briggs Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
 12. T.H. #12 Briggs Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
 13. T.H. #13 Lee Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
 14. T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd. entering T. H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
 15. T.H. #16 Ashworth Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
 16. T.H. #17 Fitch Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
 17. T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
 18. T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
 19. T.H. #19 Potter Hill Rd. entering T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd.
 20. T.H. #20 Barney Hill Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
 21. T.H. #20 Barney Hill Rd. entering T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd.
 22. T.H. #21 Bennett Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
 23. T.H. #21 Bennett Rd. entering T.H. #77 School Rd.
 24. T.H. #22 Cemetery Hill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
 25. T.H. #23 Tater Lane entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
 26. T.H. #24 Allard Rd. entering T.H. #23 Tater Lane
 27. T.H. #25 Creamery Rd. entering T.H. #23 Tater Lane
 28. T.H. #26 Partridge Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
 29. T.H. #27 Broad Brook Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
 30. T.H. #28 Melendy Hill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
 31. T.H. #29 Franklin Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
 32. T.H. #30 Butternut Hill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
 33. T.H. #31 Jackson Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
 34. T.H. #32 Oak Hill Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
 35. T.H. #33 Locust Hill Rd. entering T.H. #34 Stony Hill Rd.
 36. T.H. #34 Stony Hill Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.

37. T.H. #35 Yeaw Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
38. T.H. #36 Lowry Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
39. T.H. #37 Jelly Mill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Stage Rd.
40. T.H. #37 Jelly Mill Rd. entering T.H. #07 River Rd.
41. T.H. #38 Gallup Rd. entering T.H. #37 Jelly Mill Rd.
42. T.H. #39 Campbell Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
43. T.H. #40 Potash Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
44. T.H. #41 Borkowski Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
45. T.H. #42 Abijah Prince Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
46. T.H. #43 North Belden Hill Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
47. T.H. #44 Packer Corners entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
48. T.H. #45 Kopkind Rd. entering T.H. #44 Packer Corners Rd.
49. T.H. #46 South Belden Hill Rd. entering T.H. #44 Packer Corners Rd.
50. T.H. #47 Burdock Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
51. T.H. #48 Baker Cross Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
52. T.H. #48 Baker Cross Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
53. T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
54. T.H. #49 Marynuk Rd. entering T.H. #57 Keets Brook Rd.
55. T.H. #50 Bassett Hill Rd. entering T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd.
56. T.H. #51 Slate Rock Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
57. T.H. #52 Midford Rd. entering T.H. #51 Slate Rock Rd.
58. T.H. #53 Tinker Hill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd.
59. T.H. #54 Thomas Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
60. T.H. #55 Bullock Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
61. T.H. #57 Keets Brook Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
62. T.H. #60 Freed Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
63. T.H. #61 Shedd Rd entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
64. T.H. #63 Carriage Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
65. T.H. #64 Grist Mill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd.
66. T.H. #64 Grist Mill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
67. T.H. #65 Bee Barn Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
68. T.H. #66 Russell Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
69. T.H. #67 Coach Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
70. T.H. #69 Tkaczyk Farm Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
71. T.H. #71 Serkin Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
72. T.H. #72 Senator Hunt Rd. entering #02 Hinesburg Rd.
73. T.H. #73 Fairground Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
74. T.H. #74 Pauls Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy
75. T.H. #75 Colyer Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
76. T.H. #77 School Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
77. T.H. #78 Sugar House Hill Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.

A. The following intersections shall be designated as “YIELD” intersections, and shall be so signed:

1. T. H. #05 Green River Rd. entering #01 Stage Rd. at Covered Bridge
2. T.H. #14 Akley Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
3. T.H. #72 Senator Hunt Rd. entering T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd.

4. T.H. #79 Spring Hill Rd. entering T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd.
5. T.H. #59 Wild Turkey Rd. entering T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd.

B. The following sections of road shall be designated as “CAUTION” areas and shall be so signed:

1. Greenland Bend on Guilford Center Road – caution sign “s” and “Caution 30 MPH” heading west from Coolidge Highway, mileage distance of 2.4 miles continuing to mileage distance of 3 miles.
2. Tyler Hill Road “Sharp Curve Ahead” heading east beginning at Coolidge Highway to the Guilford/Vernon Town Line.
3. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd. (.2miles) “Dangerous Curve Ahead”
4. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd. approaching T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd. intersection from the east; a regulatory warning sign at mileage distance of 1.5 miles from Coolidge Highway; Intersection sign at mileage distance of 1.6 miles from Coolidge Highway.
5. T.H. #02 Hinesburg Road a regulatory warning sign traveling southerly a distance of 1.5 miles from the Brattleboro/Guilford Town Line.
6. T.H. #02 Hinesburg Road regulatory warning sign traveling northerly from Bridge #11
7. T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Road regulatory warning sign traveling northerly a distance of .1 mile south of the intersection of T.H. #73 Fairground Road.
8. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road a distance of 4.1 miles from junction of S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway “Caution Children Ahead”.

C. The following locations shall be designated with height signs:

1. T.H. #07 River Road at 50 feet from the Green River Covered Bridge displaying a height limit of 11’6”.
2. T. H. #01 Stage Road a distance of 50 feet from the Green River Covered Bridge displaying a height limit of 11’6”.

D. The following locations shall be designated with Legal Load Limit signs:

1. T.H. #07 River Road at the Massachusetts state line.
2. T.H. #01 Stage Road at the Halifax town line.
3. T.H. #02 Hinesberg Road at the Brattleboro and Halifax town lines.
4. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road at the intersection of S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway.
5. T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Road at the Massachusetts state line.
6. T.H. #23 Tater Lane at the Brattleboro town line.
7. T.H. #10 Hale Road at the Halifax town line.

E. Special signs for special events: examples but not limited to:

1. Activities during Library hours
2. Guilford Labor Day Fair
3. July 4th Celebration
4. Private events signs shall be posted so as not to obstruct vision of traffic, posting no more 72 hours before the event and must be removed within 24 hours of event.

ARTICLE IV
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, flagman for highway construction, fire department or emergency personnel on duty.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter or tamper with any traffic control device or road sign.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device, which may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of Guilford, Selectboard.

ARTICLE V
PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. Regulations:

- a. No parking is permitted on the traveled portion of a road at any time so as to amount to a nuisance.
- b. No parking is permitted so near the traveled portion of a road as to interfere with the flow of traffic or snow removal.
- c. No parking is permitted on the traveled portion of any road within 100 feet of the Green River Covered Bridge.

Section 2. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner or Selectboard member.

Section 3. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 2 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within 30 days of the date of such removal, the title to such vehicle shall escheat to the Town and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 11.

Section 4. 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
SPEED REGULATIONS

On the basis of engineering and traffic studies¹, the following speed limits are set:

Section 1. 25 MPH – Green River Village

Due to a thickly settled area with pedestrian, bicycle, and horseback riders and historical buildings and the Green River Covered Bridge.

- A. T.H. #01 Stage Road on Green River Hill measured westerly from “Y” intersection located at the end of Guilford Center Road mileage distance of 2.3 miles through the Covered Bridge to mileage distance of 2.7 miles.
- B. T.H. #05 Green River Road going south from Hinesburg Road mileage distance of 1.7 miles.
- C. T.H. #07 River Road from Covered Bridge a distance of 200 yards south of Bridge.

Section 2. 30 MPH

- A. T.H. #77 School Road. Due to the Guilford Center School and Town Office.

Section 3. 35 MPH

- A. All unpaved roads. Due to the narrow and crooked nature of the road not allowing for good visibility, many with one lane bridges and used by bikers, walkers and horseback riders.
- B. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road. Due to a thickly settled area with pedestrian, bicycle and horseback riders, and historical buildings.
 - 1. Starting at the junction of S. H. #5 Coolidge Highway westerly for a distance of 1.2 miles to the intersection of Tater Lane.
 - 2. Starting at a distance of 3.7 miles from the junction of S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway westerly to a distance of 4.5 miles.
- C. T. H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Road. Due to thickly populated area. Starting at the intersection of T. H. #01 Guilford Center Road traveling southerly to a distance of 1.6 miles.
- D. T.H. #27 Broad Brook Road. Due to the narrow and crooked nature of the road. Starting at the intersection of S.H. #05 Coolidge Highway traveling easterly to the intersection of the Emergency entrance to the Welcome Center. This is the paved section of this road.

Section 4. 45 MPH

Due to the results of traffic studies done by Windham Regional Commission

- A. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road.

¹ The following four criteria have also been taken into consideration: neighborhood character; abutting land use; bicycle and pedestrian use; and the physical characteristics of the highway.

1. Starting at the intersection of T.H. #23 Tater Lane and continuing westerly to a point 1.2 miles from the intersection from the junction of S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway.
 2. Starting at a distance of 4.1 miles from S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway to the end of T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road at the “Y” intersection of Sweet Pond Road and Stage Road.
- B. T.H. #02 Hinesburg Road The paved section starting at the Brattleboro/Guilford Town Line continuing south to the end of pavement.
- C. T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Road Starting at a point of 1.6 miles south of the intersection of Weatherhead Hollow Road and Guilford Center Road traveling south to the end of the pavement.

Section 5. Vermont State Highway

Speed zones on Coolidge Highway (VT State Highway Route 5) shall be the same as posted by the State of Vermont and enforceable under this ordinance.

ARTICLE VII: LOADED VEHICLES

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded so as to prevent its contents from dropping, sitting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Separate Offenses

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

Section 2. Penalties

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

Section 4. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any provisions thereof be adjudged invalid, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Section 5. Designation

This ordinance is designated a civil ordinance under Title 24, VSA Section 1971(b). This ordinance may be referred to as the Guilford 2016 Traffic Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of this ordinance shall be a sufficient reference hereto.

Section 6. Repeal of Prior Ordinance

Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Guilford is hereby repealed.

Section 7. Publication and Posting

This ordinance shall be published in The Commons on May 17, 2017 and shall be filed with the Guilford Town Clerk on May 11, 2017.

Adopted by the Selectboard, Town of Guilford at its meeting held on the 11th day of May 2017.

SELECTBOARD

Sheila Morse

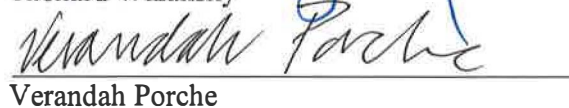


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