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**TOWN OF DORSET  
TRAFFIC ORDINANCES  
NOTICE**

The following Town of Dorset Traffic Ordinances were approved by the Board of Selectmen after a duly authorized public hearing on Tuesday, 9 November, 1971.  
They shall become effective January 9, 1972 (60 days required by law).

s/ James W Lee  
Henry G Stone  
John P Stannard

Selectmen, Town of Dorset

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This ordinance is adopted pursuant to 24 VSA 2291 (4) and 23 VSA 1008 of the Vermont Statutes.  
Further definitions, where required, shall be taken from Chapter 13 of Title 23 of the Vermont Statutes.  
Section 1

1. A motor vehicle shall not be operated on a public, Town or State Aid Highway within the thickly settled part of the Township of Dorset, at a speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour, unless traffic signs conspicuously posted indicate otherwise. Signs shall be conspicuously posted at least two hundred feet ahead of the points in the township where this regulation is effective.

1\* A motor vehicle shall not be operated on a public, town or state aid highway within the township of Dorset at speed in excess of:

A. On Class II roads of thirty five (35) miles per hour;

B. On Class III roads of twenty five (25) miles per hour; Unless traffic signs conspicuously posted indicate otherwise. Such signs shall be posted at least two hundred (200) feet ahead of the points in the township where this regulation is effective. (As Amended Sept. 8, 1987)

1A. Speed zones on state highway route 30 and US route 7 in the Town of Dorset shall be the same as posted by the State of Vermont and enforceable under this ordinance.

1A\* Speed zones on state highway route 30 and US route 7 in the Town of Dorset shall be the same as posted by the State of Vermont and enforceable under this ordinance as shall be all other regulations of this ordinance. (As Amended Sept. 8, 1987)



2. All motor vehicles shall keep to the right of the highway on all streets and circular drives, highway islands. All vehicles shall enter, keep to the right and leave to the right unless traffic signs posted indicate otherwise.
3. Every motor vehicle before entering the limits of a highway in the Town of Dorset shall be brought to a full stop except when the operator thereof is otherwise designated by a police officer or a traffic regulating sign, device or signal maintained by lawful authority.
4. A motor vehicle shall not overtake, pass or attempt to overtake or pass another motor vehicle traveling in the same direction when the way ahead is not clear. Nor shall a motor vehicle pass or attempt to pass another motor vehicle at an intersection, on a hill or a curve, or in a no passing zone.
5. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle to drive such vehicle within 500 feet of fire apparatus proceeding to or engaged in extinguishing a fire unless directed to do so by a fire department officer or by a police officer.
6. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle to interfere with or break into or pass a funeral procession or into any duly authorized procession or parade unless so directed by a police officer.
7. No motor vehicle shall be driven over an unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down in any street or private driveway to be used at any fire or alarm of fire without the consent of the official of the department who is in command.
8. No motor vehicle shall pass or attempt to pass on the right side of any other motor vehicle headed in the same direction, whether said vehicle is moving or standing unless authorized by a police officer.
9. No motor vehicle shall enter a highway when the intersection is posted with a stop sign without coming to a full stop.
10. A person shall not park or leave standing any motor vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or improved or the used or traveled part of any highway in the Town of Dorset, so as to interfere with traffic or snow removal on such highway. A Selectmen or the Town Manager of the Town of Dorset or a Constable or State Police Officer or Deputy Sheriff shall cause any motor vehicle found to be in violation of this regulation to be removed at the expense of the owner.
11. No motor vehicle shall stand or be parked within 10 feet of highway intersection or 5 feet of a private drive or 8 feet of a fire hydrant.
12. No motor vehicle shall stand or be parked in a private driveway without the express permission of the owner or his agent. Any police officer who finds a motor vehicle in violation of this ordinance shall cause the same to be removed at the vehicle owner's expense.
13. No motor vehicle shall be parked at any time so as to obstruct the free passage of any other motor vehicle in the same lane of traffic.
14. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any town or state aid highway within the Town of Dorset that has not affixed to the windshield in the legally designated area a current inspection sticker.
- 14A. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any town or state highway in the Town of Dorset with defective equipment.



15. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any town or state highway within the Town of Dorset that does not have a properly affixed and displayed currently valid registration plate(s) assigned to said vehicle.
16. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any town or state aid highway within the Town of Dorset without a valid operator's license.
17. No person shall operate a motorcycle on any town or state aid highway within the Town of Dorset without proper helmet and eye protection as determined by Vermont State Law.
18. The operator of a motor vehicle, upon meeting or overtaking a vehicle transporting school children displaying the words "school bus" on the front and rear thereof and which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children shall stop such vehicle immediately and shall keep it stationary until such school bus shall resume motion, or until signaled by the driver to proceed, provided a flashing red signal light as required by section 1281(10) of this title is displayed on the front and rear of such school bus.
19. Any parade or public or private function involving limitation or restriction of traffic flow must secure a written permit from the Selectmen or their duly designated official and if deemed necessary by Selectmen, police assistance shall be supplied by the permittee at his expense.
20. Any officer engaged publicly or privately in directing traffic on any town or state aid highway must be qualified as asset forth under state regulations.
21. A person violating any of the preceding ordinances shall be fined not less than \$15.00 or more than \$50.00 for each offense.
- 21\* A person violating any of the preceding ordinances shall be fined not less than \$50.00 or more than \$100.00 for each offense. (\* Amended Sept. 8, 1987)
22. A motor vehicle transporting garbage or rubbish or sand-gravel-stone over a public highway within the Town of Dorset shall have its load secured at all times.
23. No person shall create any litter nor throw trash, garbage or any other material on any public highway or into any stream or body of water in the Town of Dorset.
24. No person shall operate or allow to be operated at night a bicycle on any highway or street in the Town of Dorset, which is not properly equipped with a front headlight and rear light or reflector.
25. All bicycles operated in the Town of Dorset shall be operated in single line to the right side of the highway going with traffic and shall be operated in a careful and courteous manner.
- 25\* All bicycles operated in the Town of Dorset shall be operated in a single line to the right side of the highway going with traffic and shall be operated in accordance with rules applicable to motor vehicles. (As Amended Sept. 8, 1987)
26. A person violating any of the preceding four ordinances shall be fined not less than \$5.00 or more than \$50.00 for each violation.
- 26\* A person violating any of the preceding four ordinances shall be fined not less than \$25.00 or more than \$75.00 for each violation. (As Amended Sept. 8, 1987)



27. All fines and forfeitures collected or forfeitures of bail of any person charged with any violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be paid to the Town of Dorset deposited in a special Police Fund.

28. No person shall construct, erect or place anything of a permanent nature within the town road right of way without a permit from the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager. All obstructions placed on said right of way without permit will be required to be removed at the expense of the proper owner. All legal and other expense will be borne by the property owner.

If any provisions of this Ordinance is held invalid or void said provisions is hereby declared to be separate and entirely severable from this ordinance and all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Any prior ordinances of the Town of Dorset which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Received November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1971 at 3:55 pm and duly recorded.

Attest \_\_\_Helen O'Donovan\_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk

NOTE:

This ordinance information has been adapted for use on the Town of Dorset Website; the official ordinance can be located at the Dorset Town Clerk's office 112 Mad Tom Rd. East Dorset, VT 05253

