

## **Town of Sharon Vermont**

### **Traffic Ordinance**

Pursuant to the provisions to Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1007 and 1008; and Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 971 and 2291 (1), (4), and (5); and such other enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Sharon Selectboard of the Town of Sharon that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Sharon, Vermont:

#### **ARTICLE I: Purpose**

This ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Sharon, Vermont.

#### **ARTICLE II: Definitions**

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

#### **ARTICLE III: Authority**

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 other enactments as may be material hereto; the Selectmen of the Town of Sharon adopt this Traffic Control Ordinance.

#### **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.
- 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 an official traffic control device without prior approval of the Town of Sharon Selectboard.

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**ARTICLE V: Speed Regulations**

State Highways: Speed zones on State Highway Route 14 and State Highway Route 132 in the Town of Sharon shall be the same as posted by the State of Vermont and enforceable under this ordinance.

Town Highways: **All Speed limits are enforceable as posted.**

Highway Number	Highway Name	Speed Limit
TH #1	Beaver Meadow Rd	A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length
TH #2	Rte 132	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. beginning at the state highway limits, extending northerly 1.30 miles, then 40 m.p.h. for 2.70 miles to the Strafford Town Line.
TH #3	Back River Rd	A maximum speed of 40 mph for its entire length
TH #4	Broad Brook Rd	A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length
TH #5	Howe Hill Rd.	A maximum speed of 40 m.p.h beginning 2.31 miles north of the Pomfret Town Line, extending northerly 0.41 miles to the intersection of TH #3.
TH #7	White Brook Rd.	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h for its entire length.
TH #11	Quimby Mt. Rd.	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h for its entire length
TH #16	Downer Forest Rd.	A maximum speed of 30 m.p.h for its entire length.
TH #17	Fay Brook Rd.	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h for its entire length.
TH #29	Carpenter Rd.	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h for its entire length.
TH #36	Moore Rd.	A maximum speed of 35 m.p.h beginning at TH #5, extending westerly 1.36 miles to the intersection of TH #37, then 30 m.p.h. to the end of the road.
TH #37		A maximum speed of 25 m.p.h for its entire length.

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**ARTICLE VI: Stop and Yield Intersections**

**All STOP signs are enforceable as posted.** The following intersections shall be designated as **Stop Intersections** and shall be so signed

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- TH #1 (Beaver Meadow Rd.) - entering - TH #2 (Rte 132)
- TH # 2 (Rte 132) - entering Vermont Route 14
- TH #4 (Broad Brook Rd.) - entering - TH #3 (Back River Rd)
- TH #5 (Howe Hill Rd.) - entering - TH #3 (Back River Rd)
- TH #7 (White Brook Rd. S-bound) - entering the intersection with - TH #6 (Town Farm Rd)
- TH #7 (White Brook Rd) - entering Vermont Route 14
- TH #11 (Quimby Mountain Rd) - entering Vermont Route 14
- TH #12 (Crossroad) - entering - TH #2 (Rte 132)
- TH #14 (High Lake Rd.) - entering - TH #2 (Rte 132)
- TH #16 (Downer Forest Rd.) - entering – TH # 1 (Beaver Meadow Rd)
- TH # 16 (Downer Forest Rd. extended) - entering the intersection with - TH #19 (to Strafford)
- TH #17 (Faye Brook Rd) - entering Vermont Route 14
- TH #29 (Carpenter Rd.) - entering - TH #1 (Beaver Meadow Rd.)
- TH #29 (Carpenter Rd.) - entering - TH #11 (Quimby Mt. Rd.)
- TH #31 (Miles Rd.) - entering - TH #11 (Quimby Mt. Rd.)
- TH #33 (Lake Mitchell Rd. L-Y) - entering - TH #11 (Quimby Mt. Rd.)
- TH #33 (Lake Mitchell Rd. R-Y) - entering - TH #11 (Quimby Mt. Rd.)
- TH #34 (Upper Broad Brook Rd.) - entering - TH #4 (Broad Brook Rd.)

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TH #36	(Moore Rd.)	- entering - TH #5 (Howe Hill Rd.)
TH #40	(Station Rd.)	- entering - TH #3 (Back River Rd.)
TH #43	(Shahart Heights)	- inbound - at Railroad Crossing
TH #43	(Shahart Heights)	- outbound - at Railroad Crossing
TH #45	(Eastman Rd.)	- entering - TH #7 (White Brook Rd.)
TH #53	(Leon's Lane)	- entering - TH #36 (Moore Rd.)
TH #55	(Daisy Lane)	- entering - TH #45 (Eastman Rd.)
SFH #1	(Forest Highway 1)	-entering - TH #1 (Beaver Meadow Rd.)

## **ARTICLE VII: Parking Regulations**

### **Section 1 – Banning Street Parking during Snow Events**

It shall be unlawful to park on any Town Highway during a snow event in such a manner as to impede snow removal. A violation of this section may result in the ticketing and or immediate towing of such vehicle in which case the owner of such vehicle shall be subject to the penalties as provided in Section 2.

### **Section 2 – Penalty**

The penalties for the violation of the parking provision of this ordinance are as follows:

- (A) A fine of not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each violation shall be levied against the operator of any motor vehicle found in violation of this ordinance.
- (B) Vehicles found to be in violation of this ordinance may be immobilized or towed as deemed necessary.
- (C) Any violation of this ordinance which results in the towing of the motor vehicle at the owner's expense shall be in accordance with Title 23 § 1753, Vermont Statutes Annotated. The owner of the motor vehicle shall be required to pay a

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towing charge in an amount not less than forty (\$40.00) for such removal, plus storage charges. Such towing and storage charges shall be paid to the towing company. The Town of Sharon shall have a lien upon the motor vehicle so removed until such charges are paid in full, which lien shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed by this ordinance.

(D) The penalties for such violations may be exempted for due cause.

### **Section 3 – Exceptions**

In an emergency or on special occasions, the Selectboard of the Town of Sharon may impose a parking ban on designated streets or may waive the prohibition of parking on a designated street for a period not to exceed one full calendar week (7 consecutive days). Property maintenance, service, and delivery vehicles shall be exempt from the conditions of this ordinance while performing services or making deliveries.

### **Section 4 – Appeals**

Any operator or owner of a motor vehicle who is aggrieved by a penalty levied against said operator or owner of a motor vehicle under this ordinance may appeal that penalty in writing to the Selectboard of the Town of Sharon within five (5) days of the levying of said penalty. The Selectboard shall hear said appeal at the next regularly scheduled board meeting and shall render a decision within five (5) days of said hearing.

## **ARTICLE VIII: Legal Load Limits**

The normal weight limit on all town highways is 24,000 lbs. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle exceeding the posted weight limits to travel on any Town highway or bridge without an overweight permit, with the following exceptions:

The gross weight limit on the Clark Memorial Bridge (Bridge #15) and Town Highway #3 (River Rd) is 60,000 lbs. During mud season the weight limit on gravel roads is reduced from 24,000 lbs to the posted weight limit of 16,000 lbs. Special permission from the Road Foreman is needed to haul heavier loads during this time. Emergency vehicles and vehicles carrying unprocessed milk are exempt from these weight limits.

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**ARTICLE IX: General Provisions**

- 1 - Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.
- 2 - A person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be fined in accordance with penalties provided by state statutes.
- 3 - The provisions of this ordinance are declared severable, and if any provision hereof be judged invalid, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.
- 4 - Any other traffic ordinance or regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Sharon is hereby repealed.
- 5 - This ordinance is referred to the General Highway Map of the Town of Sharon, prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and updated 2007, for highway designation.
- 6 - Reference is made to the "Report on Traffic Engineering Studies for Establishing a Local Speed Limit" for each highway, incorporated by reference and filed in the records of the Town of Sharon.

**ARTICLE X: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2011.

**ARTICLE XI: Adoption**

- 1 - This ordinance is adopted by the Sharon Board of Selectman on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011 at the Town of Sharon, County of Windsor, State of Vermont.
- 2 - A summary of this ordinance shall be published in the Randolph Herald on or before August 15, 2011.
- 3 - This Ordinance, as adopted, shall be filed in the records of the Town of Sharon .

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**Signed: SHARON SELECTBOARD**

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Brad Atwood, Chair

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John Harrington

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Paul Haskell

This ordinance is adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011 at the Town of Sharon, County of Windsor, State of Vermont.

This ordinance, as adopted, shall be filed in the records of the Town of Sharon.

Information about the above ordinance is available from Miriam Rubin, Assistant to the Selectboard, at the Selectboard Office, Sharon Municipal Building, 69 Route 132, Sharon, VT 05065 Telephone Number: 802 763-8268 ext 4

Email Address: [Selectboard@SharonVT.net](mailto:Selectboard@SharonVT.net)

Citizens of the Town of Sharon are further hereby notified that in accordance with 24 VSA § 1973

- (a) An ordinance or rule adopted by a municipality may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting on the question at an annual or special

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meeting duly warned for the purpose, pursuant to a petition signed and submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

- (b) A petition for a vote on the question of disapproving an ordinance or rule shall be signed by not less than five per cent of the qualified voters of the municipality, and presented to the legislative body or the clerk of the municipality within 44 days following the date of adoption of the ordinance or rule by the legislative body.

The forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption is September 14, 2011. Upon the date of adoption, the number of Town of Sharon registered voter signatures required on a petition is 52.