

**TOWN OF CHESTER
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

A REGULATION FOR THE OPERATION, USE, AND PARKING
OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, VERMONT

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, of Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, and such other special or general enactments as may be material thereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Chester, that the following Traffic Regulations be amended:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1 ... Enforcement Officers

"Enforcement Officers" shall include sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, police officers, state's attorneys, motor vehicle inspectors, state game wardens and state police, and for enforcement of offenses relating to parking of motor vehicles, meter checkers and other duly authorized employees of a municipality employed to assist in the enforcement of parking regulations.

Section 2 ... Highway, Road, Public Highway or Public Road

"Highway," "Road," "Public Highway" or "Public Road" shall include all parts of any bridge, culvert, roadway, street, square, fairground, or other place open temporarily or permanently to public or general circulation of vehicles, and shall include a way laid out, under authority of Law.

Section 3 ... Intersecting Highway

"Intersecting Highway" shall mean any highway which joins another at any angle, whether or not it crosses the other, but a driveway leading to and from private grounds shall not be interpreted to be a highway.

Section 4 ... Motor Vehicle

"Motor Vehicle" shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, except tractors used entirely for work on the farm, vehicles running only upon stationary rails or tracks, motorized highway building equipment, road-making appliance, snowmobiles, or implements of husbandry.

ARTICLE II

POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PURSUANT TO TITLE 23, SECTION 1601, 1602, 1603. 1604, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED

Section 1 ... Identification of Motor Vehicles

The enforcement officers may at all time with or without process, stop any motor vehicle to examine identification numbers and marks thereon and raise the hood or engine cover if necessary to accomplish their purpose, and may demand and inspect the driver's license, registration, certificate and permits. They may also at all times, with or without process, enter public garages, parking places and public buildings where motor vehicles are stored or kept, for the purpose of examining identification numbers and marks thereon and may also, in like manner, examine any motor vehicle standing in any public place or way. They may in like manner examine any motor vehicle to ascertain whether its equipment complies with the requirements of law relating to motor vehicles.

Section 2 ... Traffic Control

The enforcement officers may control and direct motor vehicle traffic. They may arrest violators of the motor vehicle laws and the laws relative to lights on teams, on view without process, and take such persons before court having jurisdiction of the offense. They may control and direct all vehicles in place of traffic congestion.

Section 3 ... Investigation of Accidents

The enforcement officers shall forthwith after receiving notice of an accident where a personal injury occurs, and, in case of notice of accident where an injury occurs to property, may investigate and where such investigation reveals facts tending to show culpability on the part of any motor vehicle owner or operator, the officer shall cause such facts to be reported to the state's attorney of the county where the accident occurred. The state's attorney shall further investigate the accident and may hold an inquest as provided in Section 5131-5137 of Title 13.

Section 4 ... Seizure of Motor Vehicles

An enforcement officer, without process, may seize a motor vehicle found by the officer on which the manufacturer's serial or motor number or any of the identifying numbers placed on such vehicle by the manufacturer of such motor vehicle or any of the parts thereof have been obliterated, defaced or tampered with, or when in the officer's judgement such motor vehicle has been stolen, and may retain possession of such vehicle until the state's attorney of the county where such vehicle is found is satisfied as to the rightful ownership thereof.

ARTICLE III

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS

Section 1 ... Disobeying Official Traffic Signs

It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of an official traffic sign, except in response to the direction of an enforcement officer.

Section 2 ... Tampering with Official Traffic Signs

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to remove, injure, obstruct, tamper with or deface any official traffic sign.

Section 3 ... Throughway

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to enter or cross a throughway from an intersecting street without bringing such vehicle to a full stop.

Section 4 ... Location of Stop Signs

1. Post Office drive & Main St.
2. Maple Street & Main Street
3. Depot Street & Main Street
4. Grafton Street & Main Street
5. Union 29 drive & Main Street
6. School Street & Main Street
7. Cobleigh Street & Main Street
8. Church Street & Main Street
9. First Ave. & Depot Street
10. Meadow Road & Church Street
11. North Street & Dalrymple St.
12. Church Street & North Street
13. Green Mt Turnpike & North St.
14. First Ave. & Depot Street
15. Flamstead Road & Maple Street
16. Highland Ave. & Depot Street
17. Depot Street & Maple Street
18. River Street & Grafton Street
19. High Street & Grafton Street
20. Mill Street & Grafton Street
21. Mill Street & River Street
22. Popple Dungeon & Grafton St.
23. Quarry Road & Grafton Street
24. Highland Ct. & Highland Ave.
25. Potash Road & Andover Road
26. Flamstead Rd. & Gn. Mt. Tnpk.
27. Erskine Road & Depot Street
28. Town Garage & Depot Street
29. Canal Street & School Street
30. Dodge Road & High Street
31. Erskine Road & First Ave.
32. Cummings Rd. & Flamstead Rd.
33. Orcutt Drive & Meadow Lane
34. Highland Ct. & Highland Ave.
35. Coach Road & First Ave.
36. First Ave. & Green Mt Trnpk.
37. Kevadus Cir. & Marshal Rd. S.
38. Kevadus Cir. & Marshal Rd. N.
39. Rolling Acres & Church St.
40. Elm Street & Depot Street
41. Ethan Allen Rd. & Popple
Dungeon
42. Allenson Schhse. Apts & Coach Rd.
43. Grafton Road at High Street
44. Grafton Road at River Street
45. Avon Street at Depot Street
46. Avon Street at Elm Street
47. Pleasant View Lane at Dodge Road
48. Cross Road at Mountain View St.

Section 5 ... Designated One-Way Streets

The following streets or portions of streets are hereby designated as one-way streets, and the legal directions of travel shall be as indicated:

1. Chester Green - from Main Street south to School Street

Section 6 ... Designated Yield Streets

The following streets or portions of streets are hereby designated as yield streets, and operators of vehicles will yield right-of-way to oncoming traffic:

1. Entrance of First Avenue and Highland Avenue
2. Chester Green and School Street
3. Dalrymple Street and Church Street
4. Flamstead Road - west and Green Mountain Turnpike

ARTICLE IV

NO PASSING ZONES

Section 1 ... Passing in Restricted Zone

It shall be unlawful for the Operator of a vehicle to pass another vehicle which is proceeding in the same direction on the travelled portion of the street in any "No Passing Zone."

Section 2 ... No Passing Zone Designated

The following streets, or portions of streets, are hereby designated as "No Passing Zones:"

1. Main Street for its entire length - .114 miles west of the intersection of Route 11 and Route 103 to Lover's Lane Road
2. Grafton Street (Route 35) from intersection of Main Street to Bridge No. 7 (South Branch Williams River)
3. Maple Street from the intersection of Main Street to Depot Street
4. Depot Street from intersection of Main Street to North Street, at the intersection of Green Mountain Turnpike and North Street
5. North Street for its entire length, to State Route 103 throughway
6. Church Street for its entire length
7. Elm Street for its entire length

ARTICLE V

PARKING

Section 1 ... Parking

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in a manner which will interfere with the removal of snow. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on a street, Town highway and road for more than one hour during the period of November 1 of each year, until April 15 next following, between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in a manner which will interfere with pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Section 2 ... No Parking Zone

1. North side of Main Street from 10 feet from the east end of property now owned by Newsbank to the intersection of Church Street.

Section 3 ... Stopping, Standing, or Parking

1. No person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main-traveled part of the highway or within that portion of a highway right-of-way which the traffic committee finds to be a dangerous location on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and designates as a no-parking zone by suitable signs at each end, and by such additional signs as the committee may determine.
2. Where parking is permitted, at all times an unobstructed width of the highway opposite a standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles from a distance of two hundred feet in each direction upon the highway. This Section does not apply to any vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or main-traveled portion of a highway in a manner and to the extent that it is impossible or impractical to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the disabled vehicle in that position, nor to stopping at a railroad grade crossing.

Section 4 ... Removal of Vehicle

Under the provisions of Section 1753, Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Section may be summarily removed by any enforcement officer, and the owner may be required to pay reasonable towing and storage charges, as determined by the legislative body of the municipality, for which a lien may be imposed against the motor vehicle.

ARTICLE VI

ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS

Section 1 ... Stop Signs

The Board of Selectmen shall erect and maintain stop signs at all designated Stop intersections and throughways.

Section 2 ... One-Way Streets

The Board of Selectmen shall erect and maintain at all intersections designated as one-way streets, or portions of streets, signs which shall indicate the legal direction of traffic with an arrow, and shall state that such street, or portion of street, is a one-way street. They shall also erect and maintain at the end of all one-way streets, or portions of streets, signs that shall state not to enter such streets.

Section 3 ... Yield Signs

The Board of Selectmen shall erect and maintain yield signs at all designated Yield intersections with throughways, which signs shall direct vehicles to yield the right-of-way.

Section 4 ... No Passing Zone Signs

The Board of Selectmen shall erect and maintain at the beginning of, and in all no passing zones, signs which shall indicate that passing is prohibited. The maximum distance between each consecutive sign within such zone shall be one-quarter of a mile.

ARTICLE VII

GROSS LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Section 1 ... State Aid (Class 2 Highways) and Town Highways (Class 3 Highways)

Except as provided in Section 1400, Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, a person or corporation shall not operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle in excess of the total weight, including vehicle, object or contrivance and load of:

1. Sixteen thousand pounds upon any bridge with a wood floor, wood subfloor or wood stringers on a (Class 3) Town Highway or twenty thousand pounds on a bridge with wood floor, wood subfloor or wood stringers on a (Class 2) State Aid Highway unless otherwise posted by the Selectmen.
2. Twenty-four thousand pounds, upon a (Class 3) Town or (Class 2) State Aid Highway or bridge with other than wood floor, in any town, incorporated village, or city.

Section 2 ... Bridges

1. Ten tons upon Bridge No. 11 on Church Street.

ARTICLE VIII

SPEED LIMITS

Section 1 ... 25 mph Speed Limit

No motor vehicle shall be operated at a speed in excess of 25 mph on the following described highways within the Town of Chester, the same being in a thickly settled part of Town:

1. Being all that part of Vermont State Route 11 (so called Main Street) commencing at the terminus of the throughway near the junction of so-called Lover's Lane Road easterly to the end of the Class 1 highway and the beginning of the State highway.
2. Lover's Lane Road, from Vermont State Route 11 West to the first bridge on the road.
3. Mountain View Street and Cross Road.
4. Entire length of Church Street.

Section 2 ... 30 mph Speed Limit

No motor vehicle shall be operated at a speed in excess of 30 mph on the following described highways within the Town of Chester, the same being in a thickly settled part of Town:

1. Being all of that part of Vermont State Route 103 commencing at .114 mile west of the junction of the intersection of Route 11 and Route 103 and running along said highway to its intersection with Church Street.
2. Being all other streets within the Town of Chester as laid out under the Urban Compact of Chester - Chester Depot, unless otherwise posted.
3. Being all unpaved roads within the Town of Chester limits.

Section 3 ... 40 mph Speed Limit

No motor vehicle shall be operated at a speed in excess of 40 mph on the following described highways within the Town of Chester:

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| 1. Andover Road, between Wayne's Greenhouse, 560 Andover Road, and intersection of VT Route 11 | 2. Paved portion of Popple Dungeon Road |
| | 3. Grafton Road, outside of Village |
| | 4. Paved Portion of Flamstead Road |

Section 4 ... Speed Zones on State Highways

Speed zones on State Highways in the Town of Chester shall be the same as posted by the State of Vermont and enforceable under this ordinance.

Section 5 ... School Speed Limit Zone

The School Speed Limit Zone shall be from the intersection of School and Main Streets to the intersection of Grafton Road and Main Street. When school children are present, the speed limit shall be 25 mph.

ARTICLE IX

PENALTIES

The Penalty for violation of any provision of this Regulation shall be as specified by the Vermont Uniform Traffic Code, Schedule of Fines.

ARTICLE X

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTION AS FOLLOWS

This Regulation adopted by the undersigned legislative body of the Town of Chester on the 9th day of October 1974, and entered in the Minutes of the said Town of Chester on that date, shall become effective on the 8th day of December 1974.

____/s/ Russell H. Leitch____
____/s/ Hugh Jameson____
____/s/ Norman R. Heald____
____/s/ Cecil Waldo____
____/s/ James H. Collins____
Selectmen, Town of Chester

Chester, VT, Town Clerk's Office. Received for filing October 9 A.D. 1974 at 8 o'clock 45 minutes a.m.

ATTEST: ___Wilma A. Barrett___ Town Clerk

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended and adopted this 27th day of December, 1990, and unless a petition is filed within 44 days of adoption shall become effective of the 25th day of February, 1991.

_____/s/ William H. Maass_____

_____/s/ Leigh J. Dakin_____

_____/s/ Jay R. Joseph_____

Selectmen, Town of Chester

Received for record: December 28, 1990, at 8:00 a.m.

_____/s/ Deborah A. Putnam_____

Deborah A. Putnam, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby adopted this 26th day of August, 1991, and unless a petition is filed within 44 days of adoption shall become effective on the 25th day of October, 1991.

_____/s/ William H. Maass_____

_____/s/ Cecil Waldo_____

_____/s/ John Whitaker_____

_____/s/ Jay R. Joseph_____

_____/s/ Thomas A. Bock_____

Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 26th day of August, 1991.

Received for record: 27th day of August, 1991, at 10:31 a.m.

_____/s/ Deborah A. Putnam_____

Deborah A. Putnam, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby adopted this 21st day of August, 1996, and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 21st day of October, 1996.

___/s/ Carol Balch_____
___/s/ Richard Jewett_____
___/s/ Michael Westine_____
___/s/ Samuel Capogrossi_____
___/s/ Richard Peltier_____
Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 21st day of August, 1996.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 24th day of June, 1998, to provide for a School Speed Limit Zone and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 24th day of August, 1998.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____
___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____
___/s/ William A. Lincoln_____
___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____
___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____
Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 24th day of June, 1998.

Received for record: June 25, 1998, at 8:00 a.m.

___/s/ Deborah A. Ostrowski_____
Deborah A. Ostrowski, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 4th day of August, 1999, to provide for a No Parking Zone on the north side of Main Street from east end of property now owned by Newsbank to the intersection of Church Street and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 4th day of October, 1999.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____

___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____

___/s/ William A. Lincoln_____

___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____

Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 1st day of September, 1999.

Received for record: September 8, 1999, at 1:00 p.m.

___/s/ Deborah A. Ostrowski_____

Deborah A. Ostrowski, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XVI

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 5th day of July, 2000, to establish speed limits on certain highways within the Town of Chester and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 5th day of September, 2000.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____

___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____

___/s/ William A. Lincoln_____

___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____

___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____

Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 5th day of September, 2000.

Received for record: October 24, 2000, at 9:15 a.m.

___/s/ Deborah A. Ostrowski_____

Deborah A. Ostrowski, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XVII

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 1st day of November, 2000, to establish speed limit on a certain highway within the Town of Chester and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 1st day of January, 2001.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____
___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____
___/s/ William A. Lincoln_____
___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____
___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____
Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 1st day of November, 2000.

Received for record: January 3, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

___/s/ Deborah A. Ostrowski_____
Deborah A. Ostrowski, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XVIII

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 19th day of September, 2001, to establish speed limit on Mineral Springs Road within the Town of Chester and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 19th day of November, 2001.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____
___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____
___/s/ William A. Lincoln_____
___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____
___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____
Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 19th day of September, 2001.

Received for record: October 4, 2001, at 10:00 p.m.

___/s/ Deborah J. Ostrowski_____
Deborah J. Ostrowski, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE IXX

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 17th day of October, 2001, to reduce the speed limit on Mineral Springs Road and a portion of Lover's Lane Road and install stop signs on Grafton Road at High and River Streets within the Town of Chester and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 17th day of December, 2001.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____
___/s/ William A. Lincoln_____
___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____
___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____
Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 17th day of October, 2001.

Received for record: November 1, 2001, at 3:05 p.m.

___/s/ Deborah J. Ostrowski_____
Deborah J. Ostrowski, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XX

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 9th day of January, 2002, to reduce the speed limit on Farrar Road to 35 mph within the Town of Chester and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 9th day of March, 2002.

___/s/ Carol L. Balch_____
___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____
___/s/ William A. Lincoln_____
___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____
___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____
Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 9th day of January, 2002.

Received for record: January 11, 2002, at 8:05 a.m.

___/s/ Sandra K. Walker_____
Sandra K. Walker, Town Clerk

ARTICLE XXI

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 6th day of August, 2003, to set the gross limit of 10 tons on Bridge No. 11 on Church Street and correcting the location of the 25 mph speed limit on Main Street within the Town of Chester and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 6th day of October, 2003.

___/s/ Seeley W. Morton_____

___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____

___/s/ Michael J. LeClair_____

___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____

___/s/ Arnold P. Stoddard_____

Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 6th day of August, 2003.

Received for record: October 7, 2003, at 2:30 p.m.

___/s/ Wanda C. Purdy_____

Wanda C. Purdy, Asst. Town Clerk

ARTICLE XXII

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 22nd day of December, 2003, to change Avon Street to a two-way street with stop signs at both Elm and Depot Streets and changing the speed limit to 30 mph for all unpaved roads within the Town of Chester and unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 22nd day of February, 2004.

___/s/ Seeley W. Morton_____

___/s/ Richard G. Jewett_____

___/s/ William L. Lindsay_____

Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 22nd day of December, 2003.

ARTICLE XXIII

AMENDMENT

This Regulation is hereby amended this 16th day of November, 2005, to change the speed limit on Church Street to 25 mph unless a petition is filed within 60 days of adoption, shall become effective on the 16th day of January, 2006.

Selectmen, Town of Chester

Dated at Chester, Vermont, this 16th day of November, 2005.