

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
Town of Canaan, Vermont

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1007 and 1008, Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1971 and 2291 (1), (4) and (5), Chapter 59, and Title 13, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 7251, and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Canaan that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Canaan, Vermont.

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

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

ARTICLE II
SCOPE

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

ARTICLE III
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of 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 Canaan Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE IV
SPEED REGULATIONS

Section 1. Town Highways

With the adoption of this traffic ordinance, the Town of Canaan adopts all posted speed limits on State Highways in the Town of Canaan.

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

T.H. #1 (River Road) – A maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection on State Highway 253 to intersection of T.H. #29 (Rouleau Rd), then a maximum speed of 40 mph to the Pittsburg Town Line.

T.H. #3 (Dubeau Road) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of State Highway Rte. 114 for its entire length of 1.03 miles.

T.H. #4 (Jackson Lodge Road) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 114 to the Canadian Line.

T.H. #5 (Breault Road) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of State Highway Rte. 114 to the intersection of Jackson Lodge Road.

T.H. #6 (Penn Road) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 114 southeasterly for .90 miles.

T.H. #7 (Middle Street) - A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of T.H. #1(River Road) to intersection of T.H. #25 (East Street).

T.H. #8 (Judd Road from intersection of VT RTE 114) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from intersection of State Highway Rte. 114 to the end of T.H. #8 (Judd Rd) at the intersection of T.H. #15(Canaan Hill Rd.).

T.H. #8 (Fund Road from intersection of T.H. # 15, Canaan Hill Rd.) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from intersection of T.H. #15 (Canaan Hill Rd.) to the end of T.H. #18 at the intersection of State Highway Rte. 114.

T.H. #9 (Hall Stream Rd.) – A maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection of T.H. #1 (River Rd.) to the Pittsburg, NH Town Line.

T.H. #10 (Intersection to State Bridge Rd) – A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length of .03 miles.

T.H. #11 (Power House Rd.) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of State Highway Rte. 114 to the end intersection of State Highway 253.

T.H. #12 (Canaan Hill from 3022 Canaan Hill Rd to the Averill Town Line) – A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length of 2.70 miles.

T.H. #15 (Canaan Hill Rd) – A maximum speed of 35 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 102 for a length of 2.6 miles to the intersection of Clay Brook Rd and Canaan Hill Rd.

T.H. #15 (Clay Brook Rd) – A maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection of Clay Brook Rd and Canaan Hill to the intersection of Pollard Hill.

T.H. #17 (Kemp Hill Rd) – A maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection of State Highway Rte. 102 for its entire length of 1.37 miles

T.H. #18 (Chamberlain Rd) – A maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection of T.H. #17 (Kemp Hill Rd) the entire length of .45 miles.

T.H. #20 (Todd Hill Rd) – A maximum speed of 35 mph from the intersection of State Highway Rte. 102 for its entire length of 1.57 miles.

T.H. #22 (School St) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 102 to the intersection on State Highway Rte. 114.

T.H. #23 (Kingsley Rd) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 253 for its entire length of .17 miles.

T.H. #24 (Park St) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 114 to the stop sign at the intersection on State Highway Rte. 102.

T.H. #25 (East St) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 253 to the intersection on T.H. #1 (River Rd).

T.H. #26 (Holmes St) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 253 to the intersection of T.H. 27 (Holmes St) for the entire length of .04 miles.

T.H. #27 (Holmes St) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of T.H. #26 (Holmes St) for its entire length of .06 miles.

T.H. #28 (Cook St) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 114 for its entire length of .10 miles.

T.H. #29 (Rouleau Rd) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on T.H. #1 (River Rd) for its entire length of .15 miles.

T.H. #31 (Gray Rd) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of T.H. #15 (Clay Brook Rd) for its entire length of .16 miles.

T.H. #32 (Treatment Plant Rd) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 102 for its entire length of .05 miles.

T.H. #33 (Pariseau Dr.) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of T.H. #1 (River Rd) for its entire length of .10 miles.

T.H. #34 (Ethan Allen Dr.) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of State Highway Rte. 114 for its entire length of .20 miles.

T.H. #35 (Enid Circle) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on T.H. #34 for its entire length of .07 miles

T.H. #36 (Nathan St.) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of T.H. # 34 (Ethan Allen Dr.) for its entire length of .10 miles.

T.H. #37 (Green Hill Rd) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection of State Highway Rte. 253 for its entire length of .04 miles.

T.H. #38 (Reservoir Rd) – A maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection on State Highway Rte. 253 for its entire length of .20 miles.

Section 2. The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on Vermont Route 102 with the Town of Canaan shall be the same as those established and posted by the State of Vermont to wit.

A maximum speed limit of 40 mph beginning 0.20+/- miles south of Bridge #19 over Leach Brook (MP 6.23 +/-) and extending northerly 0.20 miles (MP 6.43+/-) and from this point a maximum speed limit of 30 mph extending northerly 0.40+/- miles to the intersection of VT 114 and the end of VT 102 (MP 6.83 +/-).

Section 3. The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on Vermont Rte. 114 within the Town of Canaan shall be the same as those limits established by the State of Vermont to wit.

A maximum speed limit of 40 mph beginning 250+/- feet south of TH #28 (Cook St) (MP 7.54 +/-) and extending northerly 0.24 +/- miles (mp7.78+/-) and from this point a maximum speed limit of 30 mph extending northerly 0.6 +/- miles to the Vermont/New Hampshire border and the end of VT 114 (MP 8.36+/-).

A maximum speed limit of 40 mph in the Town of Canaan (Village of Wallace Pond) beginning at TH#3 (Dubeau Rd) (MP 2.76+/-), extending northerly (easterly) 1.15 +/- miles to TH 4 (Jackson Lodge Rd). This changes the existing certificate to a year round 40 mph speed limit.

Section 4. The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on Vermont Rte. 253 within the Town of Canaan shall be the same as those set by the State of Vermont, to wit.

Speed limit of 30 mph beginning at the intersection of VT Rte. 114 (0.00 MP) to the intersection of TH 11 (Power House Rd) (mp.61 +/-). A maximum speed limit of 40 mph from the intersection of TH 11 (Power House Rd) to 0.20 +/- miles south of TH 1 (River Rd) intersection (MP .99 +/-). A maximum speed limit of 30 mph from 0.20 +/- mile south of TH #1(River Rd) to the Canadian Border (.56 MP +/-).

The above speed limits are the maximum speed limits for such roads, but drivers must drive according to weather and road conditions.

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

ARTICLE V STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

Section 1. The following intersections shall be designated as STOP intersections, and shall be so signed:

- T.H. # 3 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 4 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 5 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 6 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 7 entering T.H. # 1
- T.H. # 8 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 8 entering T.H. # 15
- T.H. # 9 entering T.H. # 1
- T.H. # 11 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 11 entering Rte. 253
- T.H. # 15 entering Rte. 102
- T.H. # 17 entering Rte. 102
- T.H. # 20 entering Rte. 102
- T.H. # 22 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 22 entering Rte. 102
- T.H. # 23 entering Rte. 253
- T.H. # 25 entering T.H. # 1
- T.H. # 25 entering Rte. 253
- T.H. # 26 entering Rte. 253
- T.H. # 28 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 29 entering T.H. # 1
- T.H. # 32 entering Rte. 102
- T.H. # 33 entering T.H. # 1
- T.H. # 34 entering Rte. 114
- T.H. # 37 entering Rte. 253
- T.H. # 38 entering Rte. 253

Section 2. The following intersections shall be designated as "YIELD" intersections and shall be so signed:

- T.H. # 9 entering T.H. # 1
- T.H. # 24 entering Rte. 102
- T.H. # 15 entering T.H. # 15 at intersection of T.H. # 15 and
T.H. # 12 (Clay Brook Road)

TOWN HIGHWAY NAMES

T.H. # 1	River Road
T.H. # 3	Dubeau Road
T.H. # 4	Jackson Lodge Road
T.H. # 5	Breault Road
T.H. # 6	Penn Road
T.H. # 7	Middle Street
T.H. # 8	Judd Road (from intersection Rte. 114)
T.H. # 8	Fund Road (from intersection T.H. # 15)
T.H. # 9	Hall Stream Road
T.H. # 10	Intersection to State Bridge Road
T.H. # 11	Power House Road
T.H. # 12	Canaan Hill Road
T.H. # 13	Morrill Brook Road
T.H. # 14	School House Brook Road
T.H. # 15	Canaan Hill Road/Clay Brook Road
T.H. # 16	Pollard Hill
T.H. # 17	Kemp Hill Road
T.H. # 18	Chamberlain Road
T.H. # 19	Hudson Road
T.H. # 20	Todd Hill Road
T.H. # 22	School Street
T.H. # 23	Kingsley Road
T.H. # 24	Park Street
T.H. # 25	East Street
T.H. # 26/27	Holmes Street
T.H. # 28	Cook Street
T.H. # 29	Rouleau Street
T.H. # 31	Old County Road
T.H. # 32	Treatment Plant Road
T.H. # 33	Pariseau Drive
T.H. # 34	Ethan Allen Drive
T.H. # 35	Enid Circle
T.H. # 36	Nathan Street
T.H. # 37	Green Hill Road
T.H. # 38	Reservoir Road

ARTICLE VI

PARKING REGULATIONS

- Section 1. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on both sides of T.H. #22 (School Street) for a distance of .08 miles entering from the Rt.102 intersection. This area is designated as fire lane .
- Section 2. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the North side of T.H. #25 (East Street) for a distance of .10 mile entering for Rt. 253.
- Section 3. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on both sides of T.H. #25 (East Street) for a distance of .06 miles entering from T.H. #1 (River Road).
- Section 4. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the North side of T.H. #1(River Road) from the intersection of T.H. #25 (East Street) south for a distance of 150 feet. *Intersection of Rt 253 and T.H. River road. Add a no parking sign 15 ft from Stop sign. No parking in between signs.*
- Section 5. It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the west side of T.H. #11 (Power House Road) for a distance of 175 feet from the intersection of Rt. 114 (Gale Street). Furthermore it shall be unlawful to park at any time on the East side of T.H. #11 (Power House Road) from the intersection of Rt. 114 to the intersection of Rt. 253.
- Section 6. It shall be unlawful to park on any Town Street or Road between December 1st to May 1st *during the hours of 11PM and 6 AM.*
- Section 7. A violation of any provision of Section 6 of this Ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with provisions of 24 VSA Section 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$35.00 may be imposed for a violation of this civil Ordinance. 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 selectman.
- Section 8. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under Section 7 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 may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1102.
- Section 9. 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

Section 10. It shall be unlawful to park on the west side of T.H. 24 (Park Street) from 51 Park Street to end of the Alice Ward Library Property Line a distance of 85 feet.

Section 11. A violation of any provision of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10 shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with provisions of 24 VSA Section 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$25.00 may be imposed for a violation of this civil Ordinance. 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 selectman.

**ARTICLE VII
DESIGNATED ONE-WAY STREETS**

School Street T. H. # 22 Beginning at a point 332 ft. from the intersection of T. H. #22 and Vermont Rte. 102 and proceeding westerly to a point 207 ft. from the aforementioned intersection shall be a one-way street.

**ARTICLE VIII
LOADED VEHICLES**

Section 1. 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, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

**ARTICLE IX
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Separate Offenses:

Each 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. This shall be a civil ordinance enforced in accordance with the provisions in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. §1974a and 1977 et. seq.

Section 3. Severability:

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

Section 4. Designation:

This Ordinance may be referred to as the Canaan 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 5. Repeal of Prior Ordinances:

Any other Ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Canaan is hereby repealed.

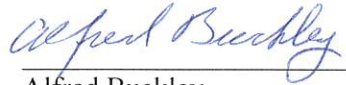
Section 6. Publication and Posting:

This Ordinance shall be published in the News and Sentinel on January 18, 2023 and shall be filed with the Canaan Town Clerk on January 9, 2023.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Canaan at its meeting held on Jan 9, 2023


Haven Haynes Jr., Selectboard Chairperson

Attest: 
Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk


Alfred Buckley


Mark Bullard

Board of Selectmen
Town of Canaan, VT

Citizen's Rights: An ordinance adopted by a municipality may be disapproved by a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting on the question at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose.

A petition for a vote must be signed by 5% of the voters and presented to the Selectboard or Town Clerk within 60 days following the date of adoption.

Anyone with any questions about the ordinance may call any of the three Selectboard at 266-3370.