

TOWN OF GRAFTON, VERMONT
GRAFTON TRAFFIC ORDINANCE of 2022

Amending Speed Limits on Unpaved dated 9/25/2006 and on Paved Roads date 11/23/2009, and
Amended on 10/26/2023

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY:

The Selectboard of the Town of Grafton under the authority granted by 24 VSA 2291(4) and 24 VSA Chapter 59 adopts this ordinance. Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1007, 1008 and such other enactments as may be material thereto, it is hereby ordained by the Selectboard of the Town of Grafton that the following Traffic Ordinance be adopted for the Town of Grafton, Vermont.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public safety by establishing traffic regulations on public highways in the Town of Grafton, including traffic control signs and devices and safe speed limits on all paved and unpaved roads as those are specified in this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

I. General Provisions:

- A. Obedience Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device except in response to the direction of an Enforcement Officer.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device or sign except in response to the direction of an Enforcement Officer.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter, or tamper with any traffic control device.
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device which may resemble or may be mistaken for an official control device, without prior approval of the Town of Grafton Selectboard.

II. Traffic Control Device: Stop Signs. On paved roads, a limit line, which delineates the stopping point, shall be painted on the road adjacent to the Stop sign. The following intersections shall be designated STOP intersections and shall be so signed:

- TH#1 entering TH#1 - Houghtonville Rd. entering Main St.
- TH#2 entering TH#1 - Townshend Rd. entering Main St.
- TH#3 entering TH#1 - Chester Rd. entering Route 121 East
- TH#4 entering TH#1 – Athens Rd. entering Route 121 East
- TH#8 entering TH#1 – Middletown Rd. entering Houghtonville Road
- TH#20 entering TH#3 – Eastman Road entering Chester Road.
- TH#47 entering TH#43 – Pleasant Street entering Kidder Hill Road

III. Traffic Control Device: Yield Signs. The following intersections shall be designated YIELD intersections and shall be so signed:

- TH#1 at the intersection with TH#1 and TH#4 – Route 121 East entering the intersection with Athens Rd. and Route 121 East (near the driveway of #3848)
- TH#8, where it merges with TH#6, entering TH#1 – Middletown Rd, where it merges with Hinkley Brook Rd. entering Main St.
- TH#10 entering TH#1 – Putnam Forest Road entering Houghtonville Road
- TH#29 entering TH#3 – Wright Orchard Road entering Chester Road
- TH#38 entering TH#1 – Fisher Hill Rd. entering Route 121 East
- TH#48 entering TH#47 – School Street entering Pleasant Street

IV. Traffic Control Device: Do Not Enter Signs. The following location shall be designated DO NOT ENTER and shall so be signed:

- TH#48 – West of the Grafton Elementary School generator, on the same side of the street

ARTICLE 4. SPEED REGULATIONS. Based on consideration of neighborhood character, abutting land use, bicycle and pedestrian use, and physical characteristics of the highways, the following speed limits are hereby established with the exception if otherwise posted:

I. Unpaved Roads (except Route 121 West, see III.):

- TH6 Hinkley Brook Road and Cabell Road - a maximum speed of 35 mph for the entire length.
- TH7 Stagecoach Road - a maximum speed of 35 mph for the entire length.
- TH8 Middletown Road - a maximum speed of 35 mph for the entire length.
- TH20 Eastman Road - a maximum speed of 35 mph for the entire length.
- TH38 Fisher Hill Road - a maximum speed of 35 mph for the entire length.
- TH39 Cambridgeport Road - a maximum speed of 35 mph for the entire length.

II. Paved Roads (except Route 121 West, see III.):

- TH1 Route 121 (Main St.) – a maximum speed of 25 mph all of Main St.
- TH1 Route 121 E – a maximum speed of 25 mph from Chester Rd. to #300.
- TH1 Route 121 E – a maximum speed of 35 mph from #300 to Grafton Fire and Rescue
- TH1 Route 121 E – a maximum speed of 40 mph from Grafton Fire and Rescue to #3756.
- TH1 Route 121 E – a maximum speed of 30 mph from the driveway to #3756 to the intersection of TH1 and TH4 Athens Road.
- TH1 Route 121 E – a maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection with TH4 Athens Rd. to the Grafton/Rockingham town line.
- TH2 Townshend Road – a maximum speed of 50 mph from the Townshend/Grafton town line north just southerly of Bridge 17, approximately at the driveway to #1624.
- TH2 Townshend Road – a maximum speed of 40 mph from 31624 north to the northern end of Grafton Ponds meadow, approximately Bridge 14.
- TH2 Townshend Road – a maximum speed of 25 mph from the northern end of the Grafton Pond meadow to the intersection with Main Street.
- TH3 Chester Road – a maximum speed of 30 mph from the Main Street intersection north to

- the crest of the hill, at #474 Chester Road.
- TH3 Chester Road – a maximum speed of 40 mph from #474 Chester Road to the Wright Orchard Road intersection.
- TH3 Chester Road – a maximum speed of 50 mph from the Wright Orchard Road intersection to the Grafton/Chester town line.
- TH4 Athens Road – a maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection with TH1 Route 121 E to the Grafton/Athens town line.

III. Route 121 West, Houghtonville Road, Paved and Unpaved

- TH1 Route 121 West (Houghtonville Road) – a maximum speed of 25 mph from the intersection with Main Street northerly to the driveway to #94 Houghtonville Road.
- TH1 Route 121 West (Houghtonville Road) – a maximum speed of 35 mph from #94 Houghtonville Road end of pavement.
- TH1 Route 121 West (Houghtonville Road) - a maximum speed of 35 mph from the end of the pavement to approximately 0.51 miles from the intersection with Putnam Forest Road where the pavement resumes.
- TH1 Route 121 West (Houghtonville Road) – a maximum of 35 mph from where pavement resumes, which is approximately 0.51 miles from the intersection with Putnam Forest Road, to the pond at the easterly end of the meadow on the property at #2992 Houghtonville Road, a distance of approximately 0.20 miles.
- TH1 Route 121 W (Houghtonville Road) - a maximum of 30 mph from the pond at the easterly end of the meadow on the property at #2992 Houghtonville Road to the Old Schoolhouse property at #3714 Houghtonville Road.
- TH1 Route 121 W (Houghtonville Road) – a maximum of 35 mph from the Old Schoolhouse property at #3714 Houghtonville Road to the end of pavement at the tope of the rise.
- TH1 Route 121 W (Houghtonville Road) a maximum speed of 35 mph from the end of pavement at the top of the rise to the Grafton/Windham town line.

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

ARTICLE 5. SPECIAL ROAD RESTRICTIONS – ONE-WAY STREET

School Street: All traffic using School Street (TH#48) shall enter from Townshend Rd (TH#2 and exit onto Pleasant St. (TH#47)

ARTICLE 6. PENALTIES.

- I. This shall be a civil ordinance which shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq., as amended, or through any Vermont court having proper jurisdiction.
- II. The penalty for violation of any of the above speed limits shall be that set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE 7. ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. Properly qualified and certified Law Enforcement Officers in the State of Vermont may enforce this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 8. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid by

a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 9. PUBLICATION, RECORDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the municipality and posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the municipality and published in a newspaper circulation in the municipality on a day not more than 14 days following the date when the proposed ordinance is so adopted. This ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of 60 days from the date of its adoption by the Board of Selectmen. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the effective date.

ADOPTED by the Grafton Selectboard at its Regular meeting on November 7, 2022.

AMENDED by the Grafton Selectboard at a Special Town Meeting on October 26, 2023.



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