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**TRAFFIC ORDINANCE  
TOWN OF GUILFORD**

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TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1007, 1008 and such other general enactments as may be material thereto, it is hereby ordained by the Selectboard of the Town of Guilford Vermont that the following Traffic Ordinance be adopted.

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS

1. "Intersection" means any street that joins another at an angle, whether or not it crosses the other.
  2. "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" means a publication of the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration setting forth standards for traffic control devices and which shall be the standards for all traffic control signs, signals and markings within the state, as set forth in Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1025.
  3. "Official Traffic Control Device" means any traffic light, flashing beacon, sign, signal or marking placed or authorized by the Selectboard for the regulation of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or of parking and any sign, signal or marking placed by a police officer or other authorized person to designate temporary regulations.
  4. "Parking" is the stopping or standing of a vehicle on a street, whether the vehicle is occupied or unoccupied.
  5. "Police Officer" shall include sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, police officers, motor vehicle inspectors, state game wardens and state police.
  6. "Road" shall include any highway, road, public highway or public road and it shall also include all parts of any bridge, culvert, roadway, square, fairground or other place open temporarily or permanently to public or general circulation of vehicles.
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7. "Town Highway" is the same as defined in Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section I.
  8. "Vehicle" shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power. A vehicle includes, but is not limited to, pleasure cars, trucks, snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles.
  9. "Caution sign" is any sign warning vehicle operators of additionally needed precautions.
  10. "Board" is the Town of Guilford Selectboard.

ARTICLE II  
DESIGNATED OFFICIALS

Section 1. The Board shall appoint the custodial official who shall be responsible for issuing the complaint books to authorized issuing officials and for maintaining the complaint books. The custodial official shall also be responsible for correspondence to and from the Judicial Bureau.

Section 2. The issuing officials shall be those listed under the definition of "police officer" and others appointed by the Board. The issuing officials shall be responsible for issuing complaints for civil violations on behalf of the municipality.

Section 3. The appearing official shall appear in court on behalf of the Town of Guilford when complaints are contested. The appearing official shall include those listed under the definition of "police officer" as well as the town attorneys, Town Selectboard, and others as appointed by the Board.

### ARTICLE III OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

Section 1. Location of Traffic Control Signs

Traffic control signs and/or painted stop lines on paved highways shall be maintained at the following locations.

- A. The following intersections shall be designated as "STOP" intersections, and shall be so signed:
1. T.H. #01 Stage Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
  2. T.H. #01 Stage Rd. traveling west entering T.H. #05 Green River Rd. at Covered Bridge
  3. T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy
  4. T.H. #03 Tyler Hill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy
  5. T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd.
  6. T.H. #05 Green River Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd
  7. T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
  8. T.H. # 07 River Road entering T. H. #01 Stage Rd.
  9. T.H. #10 Hale Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
  10. T.H. #11 Hayes Rd entering T.H. #10 Hale Rd.
  11. T.H. #12 Briggs Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
  12. T.H. #12 Briggs Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
  13. T.H. #13 Lee Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
  14. T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd. entering T. H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
  15. T.H. #16 Ashworth Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
  16. T.H. #17 Fitch Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
  17. T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
  18. T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
  19. T.H. #19 Potter Hill Rd. entering T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd.
  20. T.H. #20 Barney Hill Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
  21. T.H. #20 Barney Hill Rd. entering T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd.

22. T.H. #21 Bennett Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
23. T.H. #21 Bennett Rd. entering T.H. #77 School Rd.
24. T.H. #22 Cemetery Hill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
25. T.H. #23 Tater Lane entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
26. T.H. #24 Allard Rd. entering T.H. #23 Tater Lane
27. T.H. #25 Creamery Rd. entering T.H. #23 Tater Lane
28. T.H. #26 Partridge Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
29. T.H. #27 Broad Brook Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
30. T.H. #28 Melendy Hill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
31. T.H. #29 Franklin Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
32. T.H. #30 Butternut Hill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
33. T.H. #31 Jackson Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
34. T.H. #32 Oak Hill Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
35. T.H. #33 Locust Hill Rd. entering T.H. #34 Stony Hill Rd.
36. T.H. #34 Stony Hill Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
37. T.H. #35 Yeaw Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
38. T.H. #36 Lowry Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
39. T.H. #37 Jelly Mill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Stage Rd.
40. T.H. #37 Jelly Mill Rd. entering T.H. #07 River Rd.
41. T.H. #38 Gallup Rd. entering T.H. #37 Jelly Mill Rd.
42. T.H. #39 Campbell Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
43. T.H. #40 Potash Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
44. T.H. #41 Borkowski Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
45. T.H. #42 Abijah Prince Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
46. T.H. #43 North Belden Hill Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
47. T.H. #44 Packer Corners entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
48. T.H. #45 Kopkind Rd. entering T.H. #44 Packer Corners Rd.
49. T.H. #46 South Belden Hill Rd. entering T.H. #44 Packer Corners Rd.
50. T.H. #47 Burdock Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
51. T.H. #48 Baker Cross Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
52. T.H. #48 Baker Cross Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
53. T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
54. T.H. #49 Marynuk Rd. entering T.H. #57 Keets Brook Rd.
55. T.H. #50 Bassett Hill Rd. entering T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd.
56. T.H. #51 Slate Rock Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
57. T.H. #52 Midford Rd. entering T.H. #51 Slate Rock Rd.
58. T.H. #53 Tinker Hill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd.
59. T.H. #54 Thomas Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
60. T.H. #55 Bullock Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
61. T.H. #57 Keets Brook Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
62. T.H. #60 Freed Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
63. T.H. #61 Shedd Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
64. T.H. #63 Carriage Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
65. T.H. #64 Grist Mill Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd.
66. T.H. #64 Grist Mill Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
67. T.H. #65 Bee Barn Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
68. T.H. #66 Russell Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
69. T.H. #67 Coach Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.

- 70. T.H. #69 Tkaczyk Farm Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy.
- 71. T.H. #71 Serkin Rd. entering T.H. #06 Sweet Pond Rd.
- 72. T.H. #72 Senator Hunt Rd. entering #02 Hinesburg Rd.
- 73. T.H. #73 Fairground Rd. entering T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd.
- 74. T.H. #74 Pauls Rd. entering S.H. #5 Coolidge Hwy
- 75. T.H. #75 Colyer Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.
- 76. T.H. #77 School Rd. entering T.H. #01 Guilford Ctr. Rd.
- 77. T.H. #78 Sugar House Hill Rd. entering T.H. #02 Hinesburg Rd.

A. The following intersections shall be designated as "YIELD" intersections, and shall be so signed:

- 1. T. H. #05 Green River Rd. entering #01 Stage Rd. at Covered Bridge
- 2. T.H. #14 Akley Rd. entering T.H. #15 Bonnyvale Rd.
- 3. T.H. #72 Senator Hunt Rd. entering T.H. #18 Carpenter Hill Rd.
- 4. T.H. #79 Spring Hill Rd. entering T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd.
- 5. T.H. #59 Wild Turkey Rd. entering T.H. #49 East Mountain Rd.

B. The following sections of road shall be designated as "CAUTION" areas and shall be so signed:

- 1. Greenland Bend on Guilford Center Road – caution sign "s" and "Caution 30 MPH" heading west from Coolidge Highway, mileage distance of 2.4 miles continuing to mileage distance of 3 miles.
- 2. Tyler Hill Road "Sharp Curve Ahead" heading east beginning at Coolidge Highway to the Guilford/Vernon Town Line.
- 3. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd. (.2miles) "Dangerous Curve Ahead"
- 4. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Rd. approaching T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Rd. intersection from the east; "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" mileage distance of 1.5 miles from Coolidge Highway; "+" Intersection sign at mileage distance of 1.6 miles from Coolidge Highway.
- 5. T.H. #02 Hinesburg Road "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" sign traveling southerly a distance of 1.5 miles from the Brattleboro/Guilford Town Line.
- 6. T.H. #02 Hinesburg Road "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" sign traveling northerly a distance of --- miles from Bridge #11
- 7. T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Road "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" sign traveling northerly a distance of .1 mile south of the intersection of T.H. #73 Fairground Road.
- 8. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road a distance of 4.1 miles from junction of S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway "Caution Children Ahead".

C. Special signs for special events: examples but not limited to:

- 1. Activities during Library hours
- 2. Guilford Labor Day Fair
- 3. July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- 4. Private events signs shall be posted so as not to obstruct vision of traffic, posting no more 72 hours before the event and must be removed within 24 hours of event.

ARTICLE IV  
OBEDIENCE TO 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, flagman for highway construction, fire department or emergency personnel on duty.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter or tamper with any traffic control device or road sign.

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 Board.

ARTICLE V  
PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. Regulations:

- a. No parking is permitted on the traveled portion of a road at any time so as to amount to a nuisance.
- b. No parking is permitted so near the traveled portion of a road as to interfere with the flow of traffic or snow removal.
- c. No parking is permitted on the traveled portion of any road within 100 feet of the Green River Covered Bridge.

Section 2. Violations of the above may result in vehicles being towed away at the owners and/or operators expense pursuant to Title 23 VSA Section 1752.

ARTICLE VI  
SPEED LIMITS

On the basis of traffic studies done by Windham Regional Commission and the following four criteria: neighborhood character; abutting land use; bicycle and pedestrian use; and the physical characteristics of the highway; the following speed limits are set.

Section 1. 25 MPH – Green River Village

Due to a thickly settled area with pedestrian, bicycle, and horseback riders and historical buildings and the Green River Covered Bridge.

- A. T.H. #01 Stage Road on Green River Hill measured westerly from "Y" intersection located at the end of Guilford Center Road mileage distance of 2.3 miles through the Covered Bridge to mileage distance of 2.7 miles.
- B. T.H. #05 Green River Road going south from Hinesburg Road mileage distance of 1.7 miles.
- C. T.H. #07 River Road from Covered Bridge a distance of 200 yards south of Bridge.

Section 2. 30 MPH

- A. T.H. #77 School Road. Due to the Guilford Center School and Town Office.

Section 3. 35 MPH

- A. All unpaved roads. Due to the narrow and crooked nature of the road not allowing for good visibility, many with one lane bridges and used by bikers, walkers and horseback riders.
- B. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road. Due to thickly populated area by Algiers on Guilford Center area containing the Town Library, Meeting House and Historical Museum
  1. Starting at the junction of S. H. #5 Coolidge Highway westerly for a distance of .8 mile to the intersection of Tater Lane.
  2. Starting at a distance of 3.7 miles from the junction of S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway westerly to a distance of 4.1 miles.
- C. T. H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Road. Due to thickly populated area. Starting at the intersection of T. H. #01 Guilford Center Road traveling southerly to a distance of 1.6 miles.
- D. T.H. #27 Broad Brook Road. Due to the narrow and crooked nature of the road. Starting at the intersection of S.H. #05 Coolidge Highway traveling easterly to the intersection of the Emergency entrance to the Welcome Center. This is the paved section of this road.

Section 4. 45 MPH

Due to the results of traffic studies done by Windham Regional Commission

- A. T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road.
  1. Starting at the intersection of T.H. #23 Tater Lane and continuing westerly to a point 2.9 miles.
  2. Starting at a distance of 4.1 miles from S.H. #5 Coolidge Highway to the end of T.H. #01 Guilford Center Road at the "Y" intersection of Sweet Pond Road and Stage Road.
- B. T.H. #02 Hinesburg Road The paved section starting at the Brattleboro/Guilford Town Line continuing south to the end of pavement.

- C. T.H. #04 Weatherhead Hollow Road Starting at a point of 1.6 miles south of the intersection of Weatherhead Hollow Road and Guilford Center Road traveling south to the end of the pavement.

**Section 5. Vermont State Highway**

Speed zones on Coolidge Highway (VT State Highway Route 5) shall be the same as posted by the State of Vermont and enforceable under this ordinance.

**ARTICLE VII  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Separate Offenses**

Every violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

**Section 2.** A fine or a specified waiver fee at amounts as shall be established by the Selectboard, issued under a municipal complaint and signed by an issuing municipal official, shall be charged for each offense.

**Section 3, Penalties**

A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of Title 24, VSA Section 1974(a) and 1977 et seq.

A fine of not more than \$500 may be imposed for a violation of this ordinance and the fine and waiver fee shall be in accordance with the schedule, set forth by the Vermont Judicial Bureau pursuant to 4 V.S.A. Section 1102(d), which may be amended from time to time. A surcharge of \$20.50 shall be added to the fine and waiver amount as mandated by the state.

**Section 3. Construction**

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 in effect, regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

**Section 4. Severability**

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

**Section 5. Designation**

This ordinance is designated a civil ordinance under Title 24, VSA Section 1971(b). This ordinance may be referred to as the 2003 Amended Guilford Town Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance certified by the Town Clerk of

Guilford shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of such ordinance shall be a sufficient reference thereto.

Section 6. Repeal of Prior Ordinance

The Sections numbered V and VI of The Town of Guilford Highway Ordinance adopted by the Board on July 26, 1999 and any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Board of the Town of Guilford that is inconsistent with any of the foregoing traffic regulations are hereby repealed.

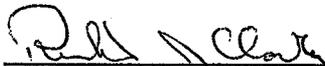
ARTICLE VIII  
PUBLIC NOTICE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Public Notice: The Board of the Town of Guilford, shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the public is notified of the existence of this Ordinance:

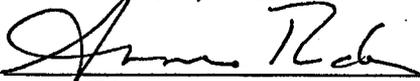
This Highway Ordinance shall be: 1) entered into the Guilford Records and 2) shall be posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the Town of Guilford, and 3) the full text of the Ordinance or a concise summary of it published in the Brattleboro Reformer not more than fourteen (14) days following the date specified below when this ordinance is adopted.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Guilford on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2007 and shall, unless a petition is filed as provided by law, become effective upon the expiration of sixty (60) days after said date.

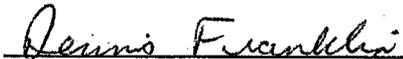
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