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**Ordinance to Regulate Traffic and Vehicular Speeds within the Town of Bristol**

**ARTICLE I. AUTHORITY**

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

**ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS**

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

**ARTICLE III. SCOPE**

3.1 This ordinance establishes ~~special~~ specific traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Bristol, Vermont.

**ARTICLE IV. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

4.1 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.

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

4.3 It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device that may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device without prior approval of the Town of Bristol Selectboard.

**ARTICLE V. SPEED REGULATIONS**

Based on consideration of neighborhood character, abutting land uses, bicycle and pedestrian uses, and physical characteristics of the Town highways, the following vehicular speed limits are established on the following Bristol highways:

5.1 Twenty-five miles per hour (25 MPH) in the village.

- 5.1.1 Plank Road (TH #300) from North Street to Burpee Road (TH #4)
- 5.1.2 North Street (TH #4) to Hazel Drive (TH # ? or pvt)
- 5.1.3 Pine Street (TH #302)
- 5.1.4 Elm Street (TH #304)
- 5.1.5 Pleasant Street and West Pleasant Street (Th #306)
- 5.1.6 Church Street (TH #310)
- 5.1.7 Park Place (TH #324)
- 5.1.8 Airport Drive (TH #312)
- 5.1.9 Liberty Street (TH #314)
- 5.1.10 Munsill Avenue (TH #316)
- 5.1.11 Maple Avenue (TH #318)
- 5.1.12 Taylor Avenue (TH #320)
- 5.1.13 School Street (TH # 322)
- 5.1.14 Firehouse Drive (TH #347) – entire length
- 5.1.15 West Street (TH #1) to Airport Drive (TH #312)
  
- 5.1.16 Main Street (TH #1)
- 5.1.17 East Street (TH # 1)
- 5.1.18 Mountain Street (TH #338)
- 5.1.19 Mountain Street Extension (TH #338)
- 5.1.20 Mountain View Street ((TH # 336)
- 5.1.21 Mountain Terrace (TH #342)
- 5.1.22 High Street (TH #344)
- 5.1.23 Garfield Street (TH # 334)
- 5.1.24 Lawrence Lane (TH #332)
- 5.1.25 Spring Street (TH #330)
- 5.1.26 Fitch Avenue (TH #328)
- 5.1.27 Crescent Street (TH #326)
- 5.1.28 Devino Lane (TH #327)
- 5.1.29 Meadow Drive (TH #326)
- 5.1.30 Lower Meadow Lane (TH #346)
- 5.1.31 Basin Street (TH #340)
- 5.1.32 South Street (TH #5) to Rounds Road (pvt)

5.2 Twenty-five miles per hour (25 MPH) in the School Zone on Hardscrabble Road (TH #1).

5.2.1 The speed limit on Hardscrabble Road in Bristol from the intersection of Monkton Road eight hundred feet (800') west to one hundred feet (100') west of Hemlock Drive (0.3 miles) shall be 25 MPH in both directions and posted at that speed when school is in session.

5.3 Thirty miles per hour (30 MPH).

5.3.1 All other Town and State aid roads within the town of Bristol not otherwise listed.

5.4 Thirty-five miles per hour (35 MPH).

5.4.1 Lovers Lane (TH #22)

5.4.2 Hewitt Road (TH #5)

5.4.3 Cold Spring Road (TH #34)

5.4.4 Orchard Terrace (TH # ?)

5.5 Forty miles per hour (40 MPH).

5.5.1 Burpee Road (TH #6)

5.5.2 Monkton Road (TH #4)

5.5.3 VT Route 116/Route 17 between the intersection of East Street and Rockydale Road (100 feet) north of Lord's Prayer Rock) 1.1 miles.

5.5.4 VT Route 17 between the intersection of Airport Drive to the New Haven Town Line.

Lincoln Road? (TH #3)

Briggs Hill Road? (TH #24)

5.6 Fifty miles per hour (50 MPH).

5.6.1 VT Route 116 1.1 miles north of the Lord's Prayer Rock to the Bristol/Starksboro Town Line.

5.6.2 VT Route 17 (north of Bristol Village) between the intersection with VT Route 116 and the Bristol/ Starksboro Town Line.

5.6.3 VT Route 116 (south of Bristol Village) between the intersection of VT Route 17 to the Bristol/Middlebury Town line or intersection of Cobble Road.

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

5.8 Signs indicating the speed limit as hereinabove set forth shall be posted conspicuously within the highway limits at least 200 feet ahead of the points where such speed limits become effective.

5.9 The motor speed limits above shall apply in both directions on the Town highway on which they are posted.

## **ARTICLE VI. STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS**

6.1 Stop and Yield Intersections are regulated under a separate ordinance.

## **ARTICLE VII. PARKING REGULATIONS**

7.1 Parking is regulated under a separate ordinance.

## **ARTICLE VIII. CROSSWALKS**

8.1 Crosswalks are regulated under a separate ordinance.

## **ARTICLE IX. LOADED VEHICLES**

9.1 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 X. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

10.1 Separate Offenses. Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

10.2 Penalties.

10.2.1 A. This shall be a civil ordinance, which shall be enforced in accordance with the provision of 24 VSA, Chapter 59 or through any Vermont court having proper jurisdiction.

10.2.2 The penalty for violation of the above speed limit shall be set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

10.2.3 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.

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

10.4 Designation. This ordinance may be referred to as the Ordinance to Regulate Traffic and Vehicular Speeds within the Town of Bristol 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.

10.5. Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Any other Town or Village of Bristol Speed Ordinances or regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Bristol are hereby repealed.

10.6. Publication and Posting. This ordinance shall be published in the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_, 20 and shall be filed with the Town Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_.

This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after the adoption date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Adopted by the Selectboard its meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 .

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