

**TOWN OF MONKTON
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**

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

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate traffic in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

ARTICLE 3. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall be defined as follows:

- a. Stop sign: The signs described in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) section 2B-4.
- b. Highway and town highway: As defined in 19 V.S.A. § 1 (12) & (21).
- c. Intersection: Any point at which a highway joins another at an angle, whether or not it crosses the other.
- d. The definitions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE 4. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- a. 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.
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter or tamper with any traffic control device.
- c. 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 Monkton, Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5. SPEED REGULATIONS

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

- a. **Monkton Road (TH#1)** – A maximum speed of 40 mph from the Monkton Town Line north to intersection with Post Road, then a maximum of 35 mph to 150 yards from the intersection with Bristol Road (TH #3), then a maximum of 30 mph north on Monkton Ridge Road (TH #1) to 150 yards past intersection of Davis Road (TH #11), then a maximum of 40 mph on Silver Street (TH #1) northeast to the Monkton Town Line.
- b. **Hollow Road (TH #2)** – A maximum speed of 40 mph from the Monkton Town Line east to the intersection with Monkton Road (TH #1)

- c. **Bristol Road (TH #3)** - A maximum speed of 40 mph from the Monkton Town Line north to 150 yards from the intersection with Monkton Road (TH #1), then 30 mph to the intersection with Monkton Road (TH #1).
- d. **States Prison Hollow Road (TH #4)**. – A maximum of 35 mph from the Monkton Town Line west to the intersection with Mountain Road (TH #6) and Tyler Bridge Road (TH #6), then 40 mph to the intersection with Monkton Ridge Road (TH #1).
- e. **Gravel Roads** - A maximum of 35 mph unless otherwise posted.

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 6. LOCATION OF STOP SIGNS.

The following intersections shall be designated as stop intersections and shall be so signed:

- a. Lime Kiln Road at Monkton Road
- b. Parks-Hurlburt Road at Monkton Road
- c. Old Stage Road at Parks-Hurlburt Road
- d. Old Stage Road at Monkton Road
- e. Piney Woods Road at Barnum Road
- f. Piney Woods Road at Parks-Hurlburt Road
- g. Barnum Road at Hardscrabble Road
- h. Barnum Road at Piney Woods Road
- i. Piney Woods Road and Boro Hill Road at Hardscrabble Road – 4 way stop
- j. Hardscrabble Road at Bristol Road
- k. Church Road at Bristol Road
- l. Mountain Road at States Prison Hollow Road
- m. Tyler Bridge Road at States Prison Hollow Road
- n. Turkey Lane at Tyler Bridge Road
- o. Davis Road at Monkton Ridge
- p. Bristol Road and Monkton Road at Monkton Ridge – 3 way stop
- q. Library Way at States Prison Hollow Road
- r. Pond Road at Rotax Road
- s. Covered Bridge Road at Rotax Road – 4 way stop
- t. Covered Bridge Road at Hollow Road
- u. Higbee Road at Hollow Road
- v. Hand Road at Hollow Road
- w. Bennett Road at Hollow Road
- x. Hollow Road and Boro Hill Road at Monkton Road and Monkton Road North and South – 4 way stop
- y. Mountain Road at Bristol Road
- z. Higbee Road at Covered Bridge Road
- aa. Morgan Road at Higbee Road

ARTICLE 7. LOCATION OF YIELD SIGNS. The following intersections shall be designated as "YIELD" intersections and shall be so signed:

- a. States Prison Hollow Road at Monkton Ridge
- b. Rotax Road at Hollow Road
- c. Roscoe Road at Rotax Road
- d. Pond Road at Hollow Road
- e. Rotax at Monkton Ridge
- f. Gilman Road at Tyler Bridge Road

ARTICLE 8: PARKING REGULATIONS

- a. It shall be unlawful to park in the traveled portion of any Town road.
- b. It shall be unlawful to park within any municipal parking lot between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. from November 15th to April 30th.
- c. 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.
- d. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 5 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 shall escheat to the Town and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 11.
- e. 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.

ARTICLE 9: DESIGNATED ONE-WAY STREETS

The following street or portion of said street is hereby designated as a one-way street and the direction of travel shall be as follows.

- a. Street: Legal direction of travel, from intersection of Monkton Ridge Road and connector to States Prison Hollow Road (TH #32) shall be north to the intersection with States Prison Hollow Road.

ARTICLE 10: LOADED VEHICLES

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, sitting, leaking or otherwise escaping there from.

ARTICLE 11 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. **Separate Offenses:** Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.
- b. **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.

- c. **Severability:** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provisions hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.
- d. **Designation:** This ordinance may be referred to as the Monkton 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.
- e. **Repeal of Prior Ordinances:** Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Monkton is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 12 NOTICE.

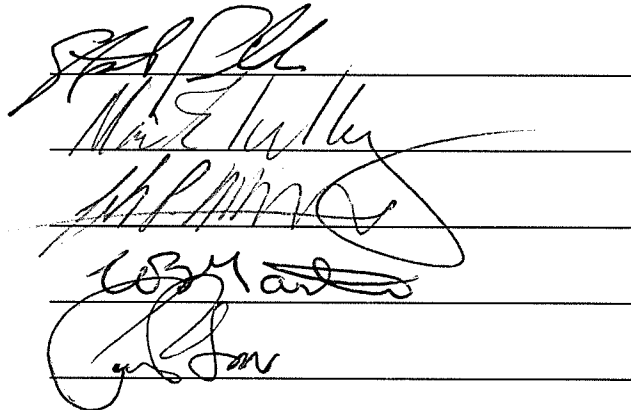
This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the town records and shall be posted in at least 5 conspicuous places in town. A concise summary of this Ordinance shall be published in the Addison Independent within 14 days of its adoption, accompanied by information as to where the full text of it may be examined, the right of voters to petition for a vote, and the name, address and telephone number of a person who is available to answer questions about it.

ARTICLE 13 EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect 60 days following adoption by the selectboard, unless a petition requesting voter approval is submitted within 44 days following adoption as provided in 24 V.S.A. § 1973.

Adopted this 13th day of December 2021 .

Town of Monkton Selectboard



Adoption History

1. Agenda item at regular selectboard meeting held on 12/13/2021.
2. Read and approved at regular selectboard meeting on 12/13/2021 and entered in the minutes of that meeting, which were approved on 12/27/2021.
3. Posted in public places on 12/14/2021.
4. Notice of adoption published in the Addison Independent Newspaper on 12/23/2021 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Filed with Town Clerk on 12/14/2021.
6. Other actions [petitions, etc.].