## VILLAGE OF NORTH TROY, VERMONT TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

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 Trustees of the Village of North Troy that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Village of North Troy, Vermont.

#### **ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS**

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

#### Section 1.

- a) Road/Street: The whole area within the limits of a public highway.
- b) Sidewalk: That portion of a street which is set apart for public pedestrian travel.
- c) Crosswalk: That portion of a street which is designated for pedestrian use in crossing from one side to the other.
- d) Vehicle: Any contrivance capable of being used for the conveyance of persons or goods on land, except light carriages for the use of children or invalids.
- e) Parking: The stopping or standing on a street of any vehicle whether occupied or unoccupied.
- f) Intersection: Any street which joins another at an angle, whether it crossed the other.
- g) Official Traffic Control Devices: Any traffic light, flashing beacon, sign, signal or marking placed by the Select Board for the regulation of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or parking, and any sign, signal or marking placed by a Police Officer to designate temporary regulations.
- h) Emergency Vehicle: An ambulance or rescue vehicle or any vehicle of the Fire or Police Department when responding to an emergency.
- i) Police Department: If no organized department, the term "Police Department" is to mean town police officers, constables, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and state police.
- j) Police Officials: Town police officers, town constables, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and state police officers.
- k) Town Highways: Same as defined in Title 19 Vermont Statutes Annotated § 1. Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways: 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 §1025.

## **ARTICLE II SCOPE**

The ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Village of North Troy Vermont.

**Section 1.** It shall be the duty of any police official to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. Officers of the police department are hereby authorized to direct all traffic whether in person or by means of visible audible signal in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance providing that in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police or fire department may direct traffic, as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance.

## **ARTICLE III 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 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 Village of North Troy Trustees.

## **ARTICLE IV SPEED REGULATIONS**

**Section 1.** Based on engineering and traffic studies and increased traffic volume, it shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle within the Village Limits of North Troy at a speed greater than the posted maximum limits.

### **STATE HIGHWAYS:**

The maximum speed limit on VT Route 105, VT Route 101, and VT Route 243 are the same as that adopted/posted by the State of Vermont.

## TRD - CLASS 3 ROADS:

A maximum speed limit of 25 mph on the following roads:

Cemetery Rd

Beaudry Dr

Geraldine Ave

Pine Grove Dr

Maurice Titus Rd

Pine St

East Main St

Industrial Park Dr

Elkins Dr

Nason Terrace

North Pleasant St

Blair Rd

**Highland Ave** 

Elm St

North Jay Rd

Main St

Robinson Ave

High St

School St

South St

Hill St

Railroad St

**Dominion Ave** 

**Section 2.** Signs indicating the speed limit provided above shall be posted conspicuously within the highway limits in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

## **ARTICLE V STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS**

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

### STOP SIGNS:

- 1. Cemetery Rd at Route 105
- 2. Pine Grove Dr at Pine St
- 3. Pine Grove Dr at Geraldine Ave
- 4. Geraldine at Pine St
- 5. Pine St at East Main St
- 6. Elkins Dr at East Main St
- 7. Nason Terrace at North Pleasant St
- 8. Blair Rd at North Pleasant St
- 9. North Pleasant St at Highland Ave
- 10. Highland Ave Yield onto Main St
- 11. Main St at Elm St
- 12. North Jay Rd at Elm St
- 13. Elm St at Railroad St
- 14. Dominon Ave at Railroad St
- 15. Main St at South St
- 16. Robinson Ave at North Pleasant St
- 17. Robinson Ave at Main St
- 18. High St at North Pleasant St
- 19. High St at Main St
- 20. School St at Railroad St
- 21. School St at Main St
- 22. Hill St at Railroad St

#### ARTICLE VI PARKING REGULATIONS

**Section 1.** Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may summarily be removed at the owner's expense by order of any law enforcement officer, or Village of North Troy Trustees.

**Section 2.** 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 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.

**Section 3.** Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for caused beyond the control of the operator.

### **ARTICLE VII 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, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom.

## **ARTICLE VIII 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.

## **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:

The ordinance may be referred to as the Village of North Troy Traffic Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Village Clerk shall be prima facie evidence thereof. Allegations 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 Village of North Troy is hereby repealed.

# Section 6. Effective Date:

Helene Croteau

This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the North Troy trustees. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the effective date of this ordinance.

ADOPTED 3/08/2022	BY THE VILLAGE OF NORTH TROY TRUSTEES.
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