

TOWN OF BARNARD, VERMONT
MOTOR VEHICLE and TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

1. Purpose and Authority

This Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance is enacted by the Barnard Selectboard to promote the public health, safety and welfare of Town residents under the authority it is granted to regulate operation of motor vehicles as set forth in 19 V.S.A. §304, 23 V.S.A. §§1007, 1008 and 1081(b), and 24 V.S.A. §2291(1), (4) and (5). This Ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways in the Town of Barnard. This Ordinance shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

2. Definitions

The definitions set forth at 23 V.S.A. §4 are incorporated herein by reference.

3. Town Highway Speed Limits. On the basis of engineering and traffic studies, the following speed limits are hereby established on Town Highways:

- A. Maximum speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour:
 - 1. All Class 3 roads.
- B. Maximum speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour:
 - 1. Stage Road (T.H. 1) beginning at the intersection of Vermont Route 12, extending easterly 1.20 miles to the intersection of Royalton Turnpike (T.H. 2).
 - 2. North Road (T.H. 3) beginning at the intersection of Vermont Route 12 extending northerly 0.55 mile to the intersection of Tower Road (T.H. 33).
- C. Maximum speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour:
 - 1. Stage Road (T.H. 1) beginning at the intersection of Royalton Turnpike (T.H. 2) extending easterly 2.66 miles to the Barnard/Pomfret town line.
 - 2. All Class 2 roads not specifically covered by this Ordinance.
- D. Maximum speed of forty (40) miles per hour:
 - 1. North Road (T.H. 3) beginning at the intersection of Tower Road (T.H. 33) extending northerly 3.40 miles to the Barnard/Royalton town line.

4. State Highways Speed Limits. The maximum speed on Vermont Route 12 shall be the same as the speed limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Vermont Route 12:

- A. Beginning at the Pomfret/Barnard town line, extending northerly to a point 0.03 mile south of the intersection of Vermont Route 12 and Bennett Road, the speed limit shall be fifty (50) miles per hour.

- B. Beginning from a point 0.03 mile south of the intersection of Vermont Route 12 and Bennett Road, extending northerly to a point to a point 0.18 mile south the southerly intersection of Vermont Route 12 and Academy Circle (T.H. 81), the speed limit shall be forty (40) miles per hour.
- C. Beginning from a point 0.18 mile south of the southerly intersection of Vermont Route 12 and Academy Circle (T.H. 81), extending northerly to a point 0.03 mile south of the intersection of Vermont Route 12 and West Road (T.H. 5), the speed limit shall be thirty (30) miles per hour.
- D. Beginning from a point 0.03 mile south of the intersection of Vermont Route 12 and West Road (T.H. 5), extending northerly to the Barnard/Bethel town line, the speed limit shall be fifty (50) miles per hour.

5. Stop Intersections. The following intersections shall be designated stop intersections, and a suitable “Stop” sign shall be installed at the intersection. When a stop sign is so installed, a motor vehicle operator approaching the stop sign shall operate the vehicle in the manner required by 23 V.S.A. §1048(b).

- A. Stage Road (T.H. 1) at the intersection of Vermont Route 12.
- B. North Road (T.H. 3) at the intersection of Vermont Route 12.
- C. Academy Circle (T.H. 81) at the southerly intersection of Vermont Route 12.

6. Yield Intersections. The following intersections shall be designated yield intersections, and a suitable “Yield” sign shall be installed at the intersection. When a yield sign is so installed, a motor vehicle operator approaching the yield sign shall operate the vehicle in the manner required by 23 V.S.A. §1048(c).

- A. Stage Road (T.H. 1) westbound at the intersection with Royalton Turnpike (T.H. 2).
- A. Lime Pond Road (T.H. 39) entering Stage Road (T.H. 1)

7. One Way Streets

The following Town highways, or portions thereof, are designated for one-way traffic in the direction indicated. One or more suitable “One Way” signs shall be installed at appropriate locations. When such one-way signs are so installed, a motor vehicle operator shall operate the vehicle only in the direction designated.

- A. Academy Circle (T.H. 81): Direction of travel shall be from the northerly intersection of Vermont Route 12, running southerly to the southerly intersection of Vermont Route 12.

8. Civil Penalties; Waiver Fee; Enforcement

Any person who violates a provision of this Ordinance which constitutes a traffic violation as defined in 23 V.S.A. §2302, shall be prosecuted pursuant to 23 V.S.A. Chapter 24, and such violator will be subject to the procedures, provisions and penalties set forth therein. Waiver penalties for violation of this Ordinance shall be those set by the Judicial Bureau under 4 V.S.A.

§ 1102(d). Any law enforcement officer shall be authorized to act to pursue a civil violation complaint before the Judicial Bureau.

9. Severability

If any section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance shall be declared by any competent court to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance.

10. Other Laws

This ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town of Barnard and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont.

11. Repeal

The following Town of Barnard ordinances are hereby repealed:

- A. Town of Barnard Traffic Ordinance, approved by the Barnard Selectboard on December 17, 1997 and as thereafter amended.

12. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Barnard Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. Section 1973, the taking effect of this Ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

Adopted this 23 day of February, 2022.

Town of Barnard Selectboard

