

**Town of West Fairlee
Speed Limit Ordinance
Town & State Highways**

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted by the Selectboard for the Town of West Fairlee under authority granted by 4 V.S.A. Chapter 29; 19 V.S.A. §§ 304(a)(6) and (a)(7); 23 V.S.A. §§ 1007, 1008, 2302(a)(4), and 2305; and 24 V.S.A. §§ 1971 *et seq.*, 2291(4).

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing safe speed limits on certain paved and unpaved Town highways in the Town of West Fairlee.

ARTICLE 3. SPEED REGULATIONS. Based on considerations of neighborhood character, abutting land use, bicycle and pedestrian use and physical characteristics of the highways, and where applicable, on traffic and/or engineering studies, the following speed limits are hereby established:

A. Town Highways.

1. The following Town highways shall have a speed limit of **twenty-five (25) miles per hour**:
 - i. Back Street (TH 2) beginning at the intersection of Vermont Route 113 and continuing its entire length.
 - ii. Roberts Road (TH3) for its entire length
 - iii. Mills Street/Manley Hill Road (TH4) beginning at the intersection with Vermont 113 to intersection with Middlebrook Road (TH6).
2. The following Town highways shall have a speed limit of **thirty (30) miles per hour**:
 - i. Beanville Road (TH1) beginning at the intersection with Vermont Route 113 to the Vershire town line.
3. The following Town highways shall have a speed limit of **thirty-five (35) miles per hour**:
 - i. West Fairlee Road (TH5) beginning at intersection with Vermont Route 113 to the Thetford town line at the intersection of Cross Street and West Fairlee Road.
 - ii. Middlebrook Road (TH6) beginning at intersection with Vermont Route 244 to the intersection of Wild Hill (TH8) and Blood Brook Road (TH7).
 - iii. Blood Brook Road (TH7) beginning at intersection with Vermont Route 244 to the intersection of Middlebrook Road (TH6) and Wild Hill Road (TH8).
 - iv. Wild Hill Road (TH8) beginning at intersection of Middlebrook Road (TH6) and Blood Brook Road (TH7) to the Bradford town line.

- B. State Highways. The maximum speed limit permitted for any motor vehicle traffic on Vermont Route 113 and Vermont Route 244 within the Town of West Fairlee shall be the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont, to wit:"
1. Starting at Beaver Meadow Road south on Vermont Route 113 for .01 mile to Vershire-West Fairlee Town line, south for 1.10 mile to the 40 miles per hour (MPH) sign, the speed limit shall be 50 MPH;
 2. South from above for 0.40 mile to the 35 MPH sign, the speed limit shall be 40 MPH
 3. From above 0.60 mile through the Village to the 50 MPH sign by the pull-off, the speed limit shall be 35 MPH;
 4. South from above for the 0.40 mile to the Thetford-West Fairlee town line at the junction of West Fairlee Road and Vermont Route 113, the speed limit shall be 50 MPH.; and
 5. Vermont Route 244 east beginning 0.10 mile before Middlebrook Road at the Thetford-West Fairlee town line, east for 1.30 miles to the West Fairlee-Fairlee town line located 0.10 mile from the intersection of Blood Brook Road and Vermont 244, the speed limit shall be 40 MPH.
- C. Posting. The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with standards set forth in the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

ARTICLE 4. VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of the above posted speed limits. The penalty for a violation of this ordinance is assessed according to the Judicial Bureau Waiver Penalty Schedule in effect at the time of violation.

ARTICLE 5. ENFORCEMENT. The violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. and Rule 80.6 of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, any Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

This ordinance may be enforced by any qualified officers of a law enforcement agency contracted by the West Fairlee Selectboard; or any law enforcement officers qualified in the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE 6. OTHER LAWS. This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town and all applicable laws to the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ARTICLE 7. SEVERABILITY. If any section of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Town of West Fairlee Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Signed this 2nd day of February, 2019 by the West Fairlee Selectboard.

Delsie Hoyt, Chair
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