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This ordinance was adopted on April 9th, 2007. It will take effect on June 11th, 2007, unless a petition signed by at least five percent of the voters of the Town of Reading is filed with the municipal clerk by June 10th, 2007, asking for a vote to disapprove the ordinance. If a petition is received, the Town of Reading will warn a special meeting and the voters may vote on that question. 24 V.S.A. § 1973.

You may read the Ordinance in its entirety at the Reading Town Office. If you have any questions you may contact the Town Clerk at 802-484-7250. Reading Town Clerk, PO Box 72, Reading, VT 05062.

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ARTICLE I
DEFINITONS

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

ARTICLE II
SCOPE

This ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Reading, Vermont.

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 a 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 Town of Reading Board of Selectmen.

Section 4: No highway or trail of any class may be intentionally closed by a gate or other obstruction except upon approval of the Selectmen. The Selectmen may post any highway for the purposes of preserving the integrity of that highway.

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ARTICLE IV
SPEED REGULATIONS

On the basis of traffic and engineering surveys, the following maximum speed limits are hereby established:

VT. STATE ROUTE 106 - a maximum speed as established by the Vermont Traffic Committee.

T.H.1, TYSON ROAD – 25 M.P.H. beginning at the intersection of VT. 106, extending westerly 0.30 miles; then 40 M.P.H. continuing westerly 2.60 miles; then 35 M.P.H. continuing westerly 0.98 miles through the village of South Reading; then 40 M.P.H. continuing westerly 3.37 miles to the Plymouth Town Line.

T.H.3, TWENTY MILE STREAM - 30 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.5, FLAT IRON ROAD - 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.6, GRASSHOPPER LANE – 35 M.P.H. beginning at the intersection of T.H.1; extending southerly 1.40 miles to the intersection of T.H. 48 (South Puckerbrush Rd); then 30 M.P.H. continuing southerly 0.88 miles to the Cavendish Town Line.

T.H.7, WHITMORE ROAD - 35 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.8, BAILEYS MILLS ROAD AND TOWN HILL ROAD – 30 M.P.H. beginning at the intersection of VT. 106, extending northerly 2.40 miles to the intersection of T.H.48 (North Puckerbrush Rd); then 30 M.P.H. continuing northerly 0.51 miles to the end of T.H.8.

T.H.9, BAILEYS MILLS ROAD – 30 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.18, STONE CHIMNEY ROAD – 30 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.21, JENNE ROAD – 30 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.24, CAPER HILL ROAD – 30 M.P.H. for its' entire length to the intersection of T.H. 25 and T.H. 28.

T.H.25, CAPER HILL ROAD – 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.28, SPEAR CEMETERY ROAD – 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.39, BROWN SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD – 30 M.P.H. beginning at the intersection of T.H.42 & 44, extending northerly 2.21 miles to the limits of the Class 3 portion of the highway.

T.H.42, WELD CEMETERY ROAD – 35 M.P.H. beginning at the intersection of T.H.1, extending northerly 0.40 miles; then 25 M.P.H. for the remainder of the road to the intersection of T.H.42 & 39.

T.H.43, MILL STREET – 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.44, BROWN SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD – 30 M.P.H. for its' entire length, to the intersection of T.H.42 & 39.

T.H. 46, NIAGARA STREET – 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.47, BARTLEY ROAD – 35 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.48, SOUTH PUCKERBRUSH ROAD – 25 M.P.H. beginning at the intersection of T.H.6 (Grasshopper Lane), extending northerly 1.0 miles to T.H.1 (Tyson Road); then on NORTH PUCKERBRUSH ROAD – 35 M.P.H. continuing northerly 2.04 Miles to the intersection of T.H.8 (Town Hill Road)

T.H.50, CENTER ROAD – 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.51, MALAGASH ROAD – 25 M.P.H. beginning at the intersection of T.H.50 & 53, extending easterly 1.12 miles to the end of Class 3 designation of the highway.

T.H.52, PARK CIRCLE – 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.59, TATTLE STREET – 30 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

T.H.64, MATTHEWS DRIVE – 25 M.P.H. for its' entire length.

All other highways not specifically mentioned above shall be 35 M.P.H. for their entire length.

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ARTICLE V
STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

Section 1: The following intersections shall be designated as Stop intersections, and shall be so signed;

T.H.3 (Twenty Mile Stream Road) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)
T.H.6 (Grasshopper Lane) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)
T.H.7 (Whitmore Road) entering T.H.9 (Baileys Mill Road)
T.H.8 Eastbound (Baileys Mill) entering T.H.48 (N. Puckerbrush)
T.H.44 (Brown Schoolhouse Road) entering T.H. 48 (N. Puckerbrush)
T.H.46 (Niagara Street) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)
T.H.47 (Bartley Road) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)
T.H.48 (So. Puckerbrush Road) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)
T.H.48 (No. Puckerbrush Road) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)
T.H.52 (Park Circle) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)
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T.H.59 (Tattle Street) entering T.H.1 (Tyson Road)

Section 2: The following intersections shall be designated as Yield intersections and shall be so signed;

T.H.9 (Baileys Mill Road) entering T.H.8 (Town Hill Road)
T.H.47 (Bartley Road) entering T.H.48 (No. Puckerbrush Road)
T.H.52 (Park Circle) west bound at intersection of T.H.51 (Malagash Road)

ARTICLE VI
WINTER ROADS

Section 1: No person shall shovel, dump, push, or accumulate snow from adjoining premises upon any highway maintained for winter travel within the Town of Reading. It is recognized that plowing across Class 3 Highways is necessary in certain instances, however snow MUST be cleaned up and completely out of the Town maintained travel areas. In no case is plowing across Class 2 highways permitted. (Tyson Road, Twenty Mile Stream Road, and all Village Streets)

Section 2: No person shall leave a motor vehicle parked, deposited, or left unattended upon a highway or in any public areas ordinarily used for parking, so as to interfere with the proper maintenance of roads, public areas or end-of-road turnarounds, within the Town. In the case of emergency or mechanical failure, vehicles must be removed within 24 hours.

Section 3: The Town will enforce the 'No Parking' rules at all locations where the trucks turnaround and all public parking lots. Vehicles left beyond the 24-hour limit will be towed at the owner's expense.

Section 4: Plow routes are set up to open major traffic routes and school bus routes first. After all school bus routes are open plowing continues until all roads are open.

Section 5: The Town does not plow Class 4 or private roads.

ARTICLE VII
CLASS 4 HIGHWAYS AND TRAILS

Section 1: Existing rights-of-way of Class 4 highways and trails as of the date of adoption of this policy shall be retained by the Town for the purposes of recreational use, as well as access to private and public property.

Section 2: The Town shall not provide any maintenance or upkeep on designated trails.

The Town shall not provide any summer maintenance of Class 4 highways, except as required by necessity and public good such as bridges, culverts and removal of obstructions, etc.

The Town shall not provide any winter maintenance on Class 4 highways and trails. Plowing by private parties shall be only with the permission of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen may require that the cost of maintaining and/or upgrading of a trail of Class 4 highway be at the sole expense of the individuals requesting or petitioning such maintenance or upgrade.

Section 3: The Selectmen shall exercise control of Class 4 highways and trails to ensure their integrity as a public right-of-way by means which may include, but are not limited to the following:

a) Class 4 highways and trails require all of the Permits associated with all other highways within the Town of Reading, i.e. driveways, heavy vehicles, etc.

b) Prohibition or restriction of wheeled vehicles during mud and snow season; by use of signs and/or barriers.

c) Wheel type All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) will be allowed to use the Class 4 highways from June 15th through December 1st, only of each calendar year.

Section 4: New structures on lots fronting on a Class 4 highway or trail are subject to the requirements of all applicable town ordinances.

ARTICLE VIII
TOWN ROAD AND BRIDGE STANDARDS

This article shall apply to all future road and bridge construction within the Town. (Unless State of Federal funding regulations govern over this document).

The standards listed here are considered minimum and are presented for purposes of guiding construction and maintenance personnel. The Select Board reserves the right to modify the standards for a particular project, where, because of unique physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the project can be completed in strict conformance with these provisions. Fiscal reasons are not a basis for modification of the standards.

Any new road, whether or not that road is proposed to be conveyed to the town, shall be constructed according to the minimums of these standards. If any federal and/or state funding is involved in a project the Vtrans district office will be notified prior to any field changes taking place that would alter the original scope of work.

Section 1: Roadways – All gravel roads will have at least a 15 inch thick processed gravel sub-base, with the top 3 inches being crushed gravel. Material will be graded so that water does not remain on the road surface, and have adequate space for proper ditching.

Section 2: Ditches – Soil exposed during and sloped construction or maintenance will be treated immediately following the operation as follows:

- Seed and mulch slopes less than 2.5%
- Placing biodegradable matting and seed on slopes between 2.5% and 5%
- Stone lining ditches with angular material on slopes greater than 5%

Section 3: Culverts and Bridges –

- All new driveway culverts will have minimum diameter of 15 inches
- All new roadway culverts will have a minimum diameter of 18 inches.

- Any culvert greater than or equal to 36 inches in diameter will be designed according to the latest Vtrans Hydraulics Manual. End treatment (inlet or outlet) will also be evaluated in accordance with this manual.
- All bridges (structures with spans greater than 6 feet) will have waterway openings designed in accordance to the latest Vtrans Hydraulics Manual.

Section 4: Guardrail – When new road or culvert construction creates side slopes steeper than 1 or 3, guardrail will be installed according to AASHTO Roadside Design Guide.

ARTICLE IX
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: Each violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2: The provisions of this ordinance are declared severable, and if any provision hereof be judged invalid, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Section 3: Any other traffic ordinance heretofore adopted by the Town of Reading is hereby repealed.

Section 4: This ordinance refers to highway designations shown on the 'General Highway Map of the Town of Reading', prepared by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and dated 2003.

Section 5: This ordinance is adopted on April 9th 2007, and shall be published in the Message of the Week on this 19th day of April, 2007 and filed in the records of the Town of Reading.

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