

Johnson Town Ordinances - Speed Limits (Unpaved Highways)

SPEED LIMITS ON UNPAVED TOWN ROADS

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Johnson under authority granted by 23 V.S.A. § ; 2291(4) and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public health and safety by establishing safe speed limits on all unpaved town highways in the Town of Johnson.

ARTICLE 3. SPEED REGULATIONS. Based on consideration of neighborhood character, abutting land use, bicycle and pedestrian use and physical characteristics of the highways, the following speed limits are hereby established:

1. All vehicles will not exceed a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. on all unpaved Class 2, 3 and 4 roads in the Town of Johnson unless otherwise set and posted by the Town of Johnson Select Board.

The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

ARTICLE 4. PENALTIES.

A. This shall be a civil ordinance which shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59 or through any Vermont court having proper jurisdiction.

B. The penalty for violation of any of the above speed limits shall be that set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE 5. ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. This ordinance may be enforced by properly qualified law enforcement officers in the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE 6. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Johnson Select board. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S. A. § ; 1973, that statute shall govern the effective date.

ARTICLE 8. NOTICE. This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the town records and shall be posted in at least five conspicuous places in town. A concise summary of it shall be published in the Transcript 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. The ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption, unless a petition signed by five percent of the qualified voters in the Town of Johnson asking for vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance is filed with the town clerk or the selectboard within 44 days after the adoption of the ordinance. If such a petition is filed, the selectboard shall call a special meeting to vote on that question and the ordinance shall become effective at the end of that meeting unless a majority of those voting on the question disapproves the ordinance, or 60 days after its adoption, whichever is sooner.

The Selectboard

Date: December 17, 2001