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TOWN OF HARDWICK, VERMONT

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 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 Select Board of the Town of Hardwick that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Hardwick, Vermont.

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS
The definitions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by references.

ARTICLE II
SCOPE
The ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Hardwick, Vermont.

ARTICLE III
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Pursuant to Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1021, 1022, 1024, and 1025, the following applies:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device, sign, or signal, except in direct response to the direction of a law enforcement officer or member of the Fire Department.

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 Select Board.

ARTICLE IV
DESIGNATED "NO EXIT OR ONE-WAY" STREETS

Section 1. The following portions of streets are hereby designated as "no exit" streets, and it shall be unlawful to exit said streets at posted locations except in direct response to the direction of a law enforcement officer or member of the Fire Department.

Village Parking Lot: At the Main Street entrance, legal direction of travel shall be westerly allowing vehicles to only enter the lot at that location. It shall be unlawful to exit Daniels Road or the municipal parking lot west of the so called 'swinging bridge'

onto Brush Street.

ARTICLE V
STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

Pursuant to Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1048, the following applies:

Section 1. Any operator of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign or a flashing red signal shall stop before entering the intersection and yield to vehicles having the right of way, except in direct response to the direction of a law enforcement officer or member of the fire department.

Section 2. Any operator of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall slow down to a reasonable speed before entering the intersection and shall stop when required to yield to vehicles having the right of way, except in direct response to the direction of a law enforcement officer or member of the fire department.

Section 3. Any intersection within the Town of Hardwick which is not posted is deemed a yield intersection.

ARTICLE VI
NO PASSING ZONES

It shall be unlawful to drive to the left of the center line in order to pass another vehicle on Town Highway # 3 (Center Road) between signs posted 1,054.6 feet south of the intersection with Hardwick Farms Road and Renaud Road and 2,381.1 feet north of said intersection.

ARTICLE VII
SPEED REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1007, the following applies:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle at a rate of speed greater than Twenty-five (25) miles per hour on any public highway, properly posted as such, within the Town of Hardwick.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle at a rate of speed greater than thirty (30) miles per hour on any public highway, properly posted as such, within the Town of Hardwick.

Section 3 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle at a rate of speed greater than Thirty five (35) miles per hour on any public highway, properly posted as such, within the Town of Hardwick.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle at a rate of speed greater than forty (40) miles per hour on any public highway, properly posted as such, within the Town of Hardwick.

Section 5. Any road, street, or highway in the Town of Hardwick that is not posted as a speed limit set forth in the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this article is deemed to be a fifty (50) miles per hour speed zone and this will include all State Highways within the Town of Hardwick.

Section 6, The speed limit shall be twenty five (25) miles per hour on all Hardwick roads and streets within the urban compact and shall be twenty five (25) miles per hour in East Hardwick on Main Street, School Street, Church Street, and Cedar Street. The exception to the twenty five mile per hour regulation is the entire length of Wolcott Street from the beginning of the urban compact to the street's end and the speed limit shall be thirty (30) miles per hour.

ARTICLE VIII
PENALTIES

Pursuant to the Vermont Uniform Traffic Violations and Offenses Waiver Schedule of Fines and Point Assessment Manual, the following penalties apply:

Section 1. Any person who violates provisions 2 or 3 of Article III or Article IV shall be fined not more than thirty-five dollars.

Section 2. Any person who violates provisions 2 or 3 of Article III, Article IV, or Article VII shall have not more than two (2) points assessed against their motor vehicle driving record, unless such violation is a contributing factor to the cause of an accident, whereas additional points may be assessed against their motor vehicle driving record.

Section 3. Any person who violates the provisions of Article V and Article VI are subject to penalties that pertain to Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1003, 1007 and 1081 (b) as set forth in the Vermont Uniform Violations and Offenses Waiver Schedule of Fines and Point Assessment Manual.

ARTICLE IX
PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. The words "park" or "parking" shall mean the stopping of motor vehicles on a roadway, whether occupied or unoccupied, attended or unattended, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading passengers or goods, or while making emergency repairs, if disabled, while

arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

Section 2. Providing for the use, regulations, and control of parking on any street or public highway within the Town of Hardwick, the following applies:

(a) No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand, or park the vehicle in any of the following places except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in response to the direction of a law enforcement officer or official sign:

(1) Within an intersection
(2) On a crosswalk
(3) Within six (6) feet of a fire hydrant
(4) In such a manner blocking a private driveway
(5) On any sidewalk
(6) Abreast of another vehicle on any street
(7) By the curb to the left of the vehicle
(8) In a designated handicap parking space without a proper permit
(9) In any designated "No Parking" zone

(b) No person shall put, place, or park any vehicle on any street or public right-of-way for the purpose of selling or renting the same, or for the purpose of displaying or advertising the same for sale or rent.

(c) Unless otherwise indicated, vehicles in the Town shall be parked parallel and close to the curb in the same direction as traffic, the full length of the vehicle; and, where parking spaces are marked off or painted on the pavement, no operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand, or park such vehicle otherwise than wholly within the spaces so marked off or painted.

(d) During the period from the 15th day of November of each year to the fifteenth day of April of the following year, no person shall, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., park any vehicle or permit any vehicle to remain parked on any public highway in the Town.

(e)--(h) Reserved

Section 2 (i) It shall be unlawful for a person:

(1) To park a vehicle for a period of more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours on any street in the Town, unless permission has been granted to that person by the Select Board.

(2), To park or stop a vehicle in a restricted zone, unless permission is granted to that person by the Select Board, except for the purpose of discharging or receiving a passenger, and then only if the zone is not occupied, or about to be occupied by a

vehicle permitted by the Select Board to use the zone. If a vehicle approaches, the vehicle within the zone without permission shall immediately vacate the zone.

(3) To park a vehicle in or upon school grounds from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. of the following day, unless permitted to do so by permission of the School Board or Town School District official.

Section 2(i) continued

(4) To park, stop, or operate a vehicle on any real property under the jurisdiction of the Cemetery Trustees from one hour after sunset until one hour after sunrise of the following day, without permission of the Cemetery Trustees or a representative authorized by the Cemetery Trustees to give such permission. The permission shall be in writing, and when so parking or stopping, shall be exhibited to any law enforcement officer requesting to see it.

(5) To park a vehicle along or on a curb, which has been painted yellow by authority of the Select Board, unless permission to do so has been granted by the Select Board.

(6) To park a vehicle within the public right of way from which merchandise or service is sold or offered for sale, or displayed for sale or exhibition, without permission of the Select Board.

(7) To park or stop any vehicle on any private property without the consent of the person in control of the premises.

(8) To park a vehicle in a parking space otherwise than wholly within the sidelines of the parking space.

(9) To park or stop a vehicle within an intersection, or on a bridge (not properly marked for such use) or a sidewalk, or in front of a private driveway, or within six 6-feet of a fire hydrant, or abreast of a vehicle parked or stopped at the curb of a street, or so as to obstruct traffic.

(10) Except where parking of vehicles is permitted, to park, to park a vehicle, or place or leave anything, in a roadway which may impede or hinder its full and free use by vehicles.

(11) To park a vehicle, or place or leave anything, which may impede or hinder vehicular traffic where "No Parking" signs are erected.

(12) To park a vehicle on any Town street in such a manner that the curb is to the left of the vehicle, whereas the vehicle is facing oncoming traffic.

(13) Unless a parking space is otherwise plainly marked on the street, to park a vehicle

in any manner other than parallel and close to the curb or outer edge of the traveled way of a street, the full length of the vehicle.

Section 2 (j) It shall be unlawful for a person to park any vehicle on any Town road in such a manner, or in any way, which may interfere with the prompt and orderly removal or plowing of snow, removal of ice, or sanding or salting, or otherwise treating snow or ice by the road crew. This section shall be effective only between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between the 15th day of November of each year and the 15th day of April of the following year.

Section 2 (k) It shall be unlawful for a person to park any vehicle on any Town Road in such manner, or in any way, which may interfere with the repairs of any roads during any season.

Section 2 (l) For the purpose of cleaning, clearing, oiling, repairing, reconstructing, or surfacing a street or Town road, sewer or waterline, the Street Department, the Water Department, or Sewage Department may close all of a street or Town road, or part thereof, to parking or stopping of vehicles by causing signs to be posted thereon, in conspicuous locations, indicating the prohibition of parking thereon. It shall be unlawful for a person to park a vehicle on a street or Town road closed under this section.

Section 2 (m) An officer of the Fire Department may prohibit parking on streets within five hundred (500) feet from the scene of a fire which the Fire Department is attending and engaged in extinguishing, when he/she deems such parking interferes or will interfere with fire fighting and other duties of the Department. He/she shall cause signs to be erected on all streets at the outer limits of the "No Parking" zone he creates, and shall cause them to be removed when the needs of the Department no longer require them.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, stop, stand, or enter, with a vehicle, any "No Parking" zone established under provisions of this section, unless special authorization is granted in advance by the Hardwick Police Chief or the action is authorized onsite, by an officer of the Fire Department or of the Police Department.

Section 3. Parking lot regulations

In any public parking lot in the Town, it shall be unlawful for a person:

(1) To park a vehicle anywhere except in a parking space.

(2) To park a vehicle for more than four (4) hours consecutively or as marked, at any time, without permission from the Select Board or Police Department except for on the south side of Mill Street parking lot, the first two spaces at the west entrance from 0' to 22' which will be ten (10) minute parking spaces and except for the municipal parking lot west of the so called 'swinging bridge' which shall be designated as twelve (12) hour

parking except for the five (5) spaces directly in front of the so-called 'Daniels Building' which will be designated as two (2) hour parking spaces.

(3) To park a vehicle from which merchandise or service is sold or offered for sale, or displayed for sale or exhibition, without permission of the Select Board.

(4) To park a vehicle so that any part thereof extends more than six (6) inches over or on a sidewalk or other pedestrian walk.

(5) To operate a vehicle at a rate of speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour in any portion of a parking lot.

(6) To fail to observe traffic signs erected in a parking lot by order of the Select Board.

Section 4. "No Parking" areas designated

"No Parking" traffic signs shall be erected on Town streets, as designated by the Select Board, from time to time. Upon adoption by the Select Board, the designated "No Parking" areas shall be published in a local newspaper at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date.

Section 5. Exceptions to application of this article.

This article shall not apply to an intersection when that intersection is controlled either by a traffic control device or by members of the Police Department or Fire Department controlling traffic.

Section 6. Restricted Parking/Limited Time

(1) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to park consecutively for more than ten (10) minutes on the following designated streets, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(2) Mill Street Parking Lot
On the south side of the Mill Street parking lot the first two spaces at the west entrance from 0' to 22'.

(3) South Main Street

On the northwest side of South Main Street, south of Farr Street in the designated spot 214' to 234'.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to park consecutively for more than two (2) hours on the following designated streets, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(4) Mill Street:

On the south side of Mill Street from the Mill Street- Main Street intersection, east to 161' from the Mill Street-Main Street intersection.

On the north side of Mill Street from the Mill Street-North Main Street intersection, east to 105' from the Mill Street-North Main Street intersection.
(5) Main Street:

On the south side of Main Street from Main Street-Mill Street intersection southerly to the Main Street-Houghton Hill Intersection.

(6) North Main Street:

On the east side of North Main Street from the North Main Street-Mill Street intersection, north to 41' from the North Main Street-Mill Street intersection.

On the west side of North Main Street from the North Main Street-Main Street intersection, north to 62' from the North Main Street-Main Street intersection.

On the west side of North Main Street from the North Main Street bridge to the intersection of North Main Street and Brush Street.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to park consecutively for more than three (3) hours on the following designated streets, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(7) South Main Street:

On the east side of South Main Street 10' from the South Main Street-Houghton Hill intersection, south to 189' from the South Main Street-Houghton Hill intersection.

Section 7. Restricted Zone/Handicap Parking

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person without a handicap permit, shall, at any time, park a vehicle in or upon any of the following parking spaces:

(1) North Main Street:

On the west side of North Main Street 93' south of the West Church Street-North Main Street intersection.

On the west side of North Main Street 49 feet south of the edge of the deck of the North Main Street Bridge (B41).
(2) South Main Street:

On the east side of South Main Street 298 feet northeast of the intersection of South Main Street and Houghton Hill Road.

On the west side of South Main Street 12 feet northeast of the intersection of South Main Street and Lower Cherry Street.

On the west side of South Main Street 100 feet northeast of the intersection of South Main Street and Lower Cherry Street.

(3) Mill Street:

On the south side of Mill Street from the Mill Street-Perry Lane intersection, east from 42' to 62'.

(4) Parking Lots:

The first parking space located on the easterly side of the parking lot in the Village Diner Parking lot.

Section 8. Parking Prohibited

Parking is prohibited at all times on certain streets in the Town. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall, at any time, park a vehicle upon any of the following described streets:

(1) South Main Street:
On the northwest side of South Main Street, south of Lower Cherry Street 1498' south to Winter Street.

On the southeast side of South Main Street, south of Upper Cherry Street 448' south to Summer Street from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

On the southeast side of South Main Street, south of Summer Street 1,050' to Mackville Road.

From South Main Street, south, on the South Main Street Extension (state highway zone).

(2) North Main Street:

On the east side of North Main Street, north of Bridge #41, TH 3, 214' north. On the southeast side of North Main Street in front of the Municipal Building where it is posted for police vehicles.

(3) Mill Street:

On the south side of Mill Street from the posted parking 105' east to the intersection of Sumner Street.

On the south side of Mill Street 161' from the Mill Street-Main Street intersection, east to 217' from the Mill Street-Main Street intersection.

On the north side of Mill Street from the Old Fire House 263' east to Hay's Service Station.

(4) Wolcott Street:

On the southwest side of Wolcott Street from the "No Parking" sign 175' southeast to the Wolcott Street-South Main Street intersection.
On the northeast side of Wolcott Street from the Municipal Parking Lot 470' northwest to the intersection of Elm Street.
On the southwest side of Wolcott Street from Elm Street 317' southeast to the "No Parking" sign.

(5) Houghton Hill:

(6) Lower Cherry Street:

On the southwest side of Lower Cherry Street from the intersection of South Main Street to the intersection of Elm Street.

(7) West Church Street:

On the North side from the intersection of West Church Street and North Main Street west to the corner and on the south side of the street from the first light pole next to the Library east to the intersection of West Church Street and North Main Street.

(8) Church Street – Maple Street:

On the North side of Church Street, between 39 Church Street and up to Creamery Road on Maple Street.

(9) Depot Street:

No parking on the east side of Depot Street.

(10) East Hardwick:

Overnight parking at the parking lot located at the intersection of the Brick House Road and Church Street.

Section 9. Penalties

The penalties for a violation of the provisions of Article VIII are as follows:

Limited time parking	-$10.00
Handicapped	- $25.00
Winter Parking Ban	- $25.00
Curb to Left	- $10.00
Fire Hydrant	- $25.00
Blocking Drive	- $10.00
Sidewalk	- $10.00
Crosswalk	- $10.00
Not within lines	- $10.00
Interfere with winter road maintenance	- $25.00
Parking Prohibited	- $10.00
Other	- $10.00

Section 9 (a). Collection of penalties

Any person who has violated the provisions of any section of this article which regulates, restricts or defines the time or place of the parking of vehicles in the Town, or prescribes any traffic regulations, may, within five (5) days from the date of such violation, waive the issuance of any process by voluntarily paying, to the Hardwick Police Department, the violation fee as herein prescribed.

1. Any vehicle, which has accumulated three (3) or more notices of parking violations within a 90 day period, as provided in this article, and which is parked or left on any public street or road, or in, or upon any other place within the Town where the parking or leaving of such vehicle is governed by the regulation under this article, may be immobilized with a tire lock (boot) or removed and stored pursuant to the provisions of this section, until all charges, both for all outstanding violations, and any charges imposed by such removal and storage, have been paid in full, or until a bond, certified by the Chief of Police or a duly authorized representative in an amount equal to the charges set forth above, has been posted. Fines not paid within five (5) days assessed an additional $10.00. All fines are subject an additional $10.00 fee for collection cost, if deemed necessary.

2. The Chief of Police, or a duly authorized representative, shall notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the registered owner of the vehicle, or a holder of a security interest therein, if his identity can be readily ascertained, within seven (7) days of the storage of a vehicle pursuant to subsection a of this section.

3. The notice referred to in subsection B shall be tended on forms prescribed and

provided by the Chief of Police, and shall describe the year, make, model, and serial number of the stored vehicle; the storage location of such vehicle; and the requirements of release as set forth in subsection A hereof, and a notice of the right to reclaim such vehicle within ninety (90) days after the date of the mailing of the notice. The notice shall indicate that failure to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided shall be deemed to transfer all right, title, and interest in such vehicle to the Town of Hardwick. Upon the failure of the registered owner of the vehicle, or a holder of a security interest therein, to reclaim the vehicle within the time prescribed, the Hardwick Police Department may dispose of such vehicle in the manner desired, provided, however, that no unclaimed vehicle shall be retained for a period of longer than one-hundred twenty (120) days.

4. If the Chief of Police, or a duly authorized representative is unable to ascertain the identity of the registered owner of the vehicle, or the holder of a security interest therein, removed pursuant to this section, the Chief shall cause to be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, the notice set forth in subsection C hereof.

ARTICLE X
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

This ordinance may be referred to as the Town of Hardwick Traffic Ordinance, and in a prosecution hereunder, a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk, shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of this ordinance shall be sufficient reference hereto.

Section 5. Repeal of prior ordinances

Any other traffic or parking related ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Hardwick is hereby repealed.

Adopted June 24, 1991
Amended September 2, 1993
Amended April 7, 1994
Amended June 30, 1997
Amended February 8, 2001
Amended May 17, 2001
Amended September 14, 2004
Amended January 18, 2005
Amended October 19, 2006
Amended June 2, 2011
Amended January 8, 2015
Amended August 18, 2016

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2016

TOWN OF HARDWICK

Adopted and signed this third day of November, 2016 by the Select Board of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont:

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