

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATION POLICY

1. Operators of motor vehicles shall exercise due care and shall keep to the right of the center of the roadway so as to meet other vehicles without interference.
2. Except as hereinafter provided, all vehicles shall give the right of way to other vehicles approaching at intersecting roadways from the right, and shall have the right of way over those approaching from the left; provided that plainly designated ambulances, police and fire department vehicles, when using a siren and/or a red or blue light, shall at all times have the right of way over other vehicles. When such vehicles approach and are using a siren and/or a red or blue light, all other vehicles must pull over to the right and stop. It is further provided that wherever traffic officers are stationed, such officers shall have full power to regulate traffic irrespective of the foregoing provisions.
3. All intersecting highways shall be approached and entered slowly and with due care to avoid accident. In making a turn to the right onto an intersecting roadway, vehicles shall keep to the right of the center of both intersecting roadways and close to the right-hand side of the same. In making a turn to the left onto an intersecting roadway, the operator shall cause his or her vehicle to pass to the right of and beyond the center of the roadway intersection before turning.
4. The operator of a motor vehicle, before changing its direction or materially slackening its speed, shall give warning of an intention to do so with such hand signal as the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may prescribe, or with a mechanical or lighting device approved by such Commissioner.
5. Except when directed to proceed by an enforcement officer or traffic-control signal, every operator of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. After having stopped, the operator shall yield the right of way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on said highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such operator is moving across or within the intersection.
6. An operator of a motor vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction may pass such vehicle at a safe distance to the left thereof, but in so doing shall exercise due care and shall not pass to the left of the center of the roadway unless the way ahead is clear of approaching traffic. The operator of the motor vehicle overtaken shall promptly, upon suitable and/or audible signal being given by the operator of the overtaking vehicle, keep to the right-hand side of the roadway to

allow free passage on the left, and shall not increase speed until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

7. A vehicle shall not pass another from the rear at the top of a hill or on a curve where the view is in anyway obstructed or while the vehicle ahead is crossing an intersection or is about to turn into the same.
 8. Motor trucks and all slow-moving vehicles shall at all times keep as close to the right-hand side of the roadway as is reasonably practicable.
 9. All curves shall be approached and entered with due care to avoid accidents, and all vehicles rounding the same shall keep as far to the right-hand side of the roadway as is reasonably practicable and proceed with due care to avoid accidents.
 10. An operator shall not turn or back a vehicle of any kind in a public roadway without taking due and reasonable care to avoid injury to other users of the roadway in so doing. A vehicle shall not be driven in a backward direction further than is absolutely necessary to avoid accident, or to proceed on its way.
 11. An operator shall not drive any vehicle on any roadway across which there is a barrier or a sign indicating that such roadway is closed to public travel.
 12. No vehicle shall be stopped with its left side to the curb except in an emergency, and no vehicle shall stop in any public street except close to the curb on its right side except to allow another vehicle or a pedestrian to cross its way.
 13. No operator shall park a motor vehicle or other vehicle on any street within thirty (30) feet of the curb line of another street, land, or alley.
 14. No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park the same within an intersection, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or official traffic sign.
 15. No vehicle shall be driven along or upon any sidewalk within the Town.
 16. Chairman of the Selectboard, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall have authority to regulate and manage vehicle traffic on all public streets and to designate the method of parking motor and other vehicles in streets where permitted, all in accordance with the provisions of these ordinances. In case of emergency, police officers in regulating traffic may depart temporarily as far as may be necessary from the Traffic Regulations of this chapter.
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17. The operator of any vehicle shall at all times comply with any direction by voice, hand or sign of any member of a law enforcement agency as to stopping, starting or slowing down a vehicle, approaching or departing from any place and the manner of taking up or setting down passengers or loading or unloading goods in any place,

and shall comply with the instructions and directions of all official traffic signs, unless directed otherwise by a member of a law enforcement agency.

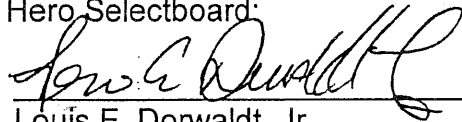
18. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, obstruct, or interfere with any official traffic sign.
19. No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park the same in front of a private driveway, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a law enforcement officer or official traffic sign.
20. No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park the same abreast of any vehicle, commonly called "double-parking," in a public street, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a law enforcement officer or official traffic sign.
21. The provisions of this chapter governing the movement, parking and standing of vehicles shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles while the operators of such vehicles are operating the same in an emergency in the necessary performance of duty. Said vehicle shall have the right of way in any street and through any procession when operated in such emergency, but shall approach all official traffic signs with due care.
22. An operator of a vehicle shall not enter the intersection of or cross, without first having brought the vehicle to a complete stop at a point at or near the intersection of the street and not more than ten (10) feet therefrom any street that has been designated and marked as a stop street. Chairman of the Selectboard with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby empowered to designate stop streets. A record of all such designations, and any changes thereto, shall be kept by the Town Clerk, the Chairman of the Selectboard and local law enforcement agencies. The Public Works Supervisor shall conspicuously place suitable "STOP" signs in and near the areas affected by the provisions of this section and action hereunder.
23. The Public Works Supervisor shall conspicuously place suitable marking signs in and near the areas affected by the parking regulations of this chapter.
24. The Chairman of the Selectboard with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may regulate the manner of parking any vehicle in places where parking is permitted by this chapter, by causing parking spaces for vehicles to be marked off or painted on the pavement of the street in the area affected, and "No Parking" signs to be placed in places where such spaces are marked off or painted.
25. Local law enforcement agencies are hereby directed and authorized to remove or cause to be removed any vehicle found parked on any street in the Town so as to interfere with the plowing or removal of snow from any such street between December 1 of each year and the ensuing April 1. The expense of such removal

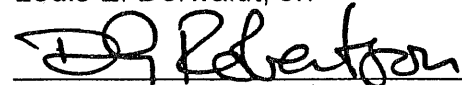
shall be borne and paid for by the owner or owners of any such vehicle so removed.
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26. The parking of any vehicle within any intersection, on a crosswalk, within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant, in front of a private driveway, on a bridge, viaduct, causeway, or the approach thereto, on a sidewalk, or within any area wherein parking is prohibited or otherwise restricted by permit only, is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and the local law enforcement agencies may remove any vehicle so parked, or cause it to be removed, at the sole expense of the owner of such vehicle, to any public garage or other place designated by said agency within the Town by towing or otherwise.
27. No person shall, between the hours of twelve o'clock midnight and eight o'clock a.m., including Sundays and legal holidays, during the period from December 1 of each year to April 1 of the following year, park any vehicle within the limits of any public highway in the Town in such a manner as to interfere with the prompt and orderly removal or plowing of snow, removal of ice, or sanding or salting of highways.
28. The parking of any vehicle in violation of **27** is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and local law enforcement agencies shall remove any vehicle so parked, or cause it to be removed, at the sole expense of the owner of such vehicle, to any public garage or other place designated by said agency or officer of said agency within the Town by towing or otherwise.
29. The local law enforcement officer and/or agency and the owner of any public garage to which such vehicle is removed shall keep a record of each vehicle so removed, using manufacturer's trade name or make, registration number or motor number if the vehicle is not registered, registered owner if the vehicle bears a Vermont registration, such other descriptive matter as may be necessary to identify such vehicle, and the name and address of any claimant thereof. The law enforcement officer and/or agency shall, in addition, keep a record showing date of such removal, place to which such removal is made, and the reason for such removal. All such records shall be open to public inspection at all times, and the Town Clerk shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town the record of any vehicle which shall remain unclaimed for a period of five (5) days.
30. Before the owner shall be permitted to reclaim a vehicle which has been removed pursuant to 26 or 29, he or she shall:
 - (a) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the law enforcement officer or agency and to the owner or person in charge of such public garage of his or her identity and of his or her ownership of such vehicle.
 - (b) Pay to the law enforcement officer or agency all charges for removing said vehicle and all charges for the storing or parking thereof, and for publication of record of removal.
 - (c) Sign a written receipt acknowledging delivery of said vehicle.

31. No charges made or incurred hereunder shall be in excess of the rate ordinarily charged by the person making such removal or doing such storing or parking, and if such, removal, storing or parking.
32. Any and all expenses incurred by the Town or any of the departments thereof, under and by virtue of this ordinance, shall be and become a lien upon the motor vehicle removed as herein authorized, and such lien may be foreclosed in accordance with the procedure provided in 2770, Vermont Statutes 1947 Revision or 23 VSA 1752 and 1753.
33. No charges made or incurred hereunder shall be considered to be a fine, penalty, or forfeiture. The removal and storage or parking of any vehicle under this ordinance shall not be a bar to the institution and prosecution of criminal proceedings against the owner or operator of such vehicle.
34. A person who violates any provisions of this chapter relating to the parking of motor vehicles shall be fined \$15.00 for the first violation in any calendar year. The penalty for violation of any other traffic provisions of this chapter shall not exceed those established by the applicable statutes under Title 23 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated for the same traffic violations.
35. Speed limits on all roads located in the Town of North Hero are set as follows:
 - A. All town class 2 and class 3 highways, streets and roads – 35mph
 - B. All of US Route 2 within the Town of North Hero – Speed limit set or amended by the Vermont Agency of Transportation.
 All signs shall comply with the shape and size set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.


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Dated: 6/25/02


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