

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
Town of Fair Haven, Vermont

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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 Selectboard of the Town of Fair Haven that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Fair Haven, Vermont.

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

The definitions of 23 VSA §4 are incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE 2: SCOPE

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

ARTICLE 3: 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 that may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of Fair Haven, Vermont Selectboard.

ARTICLE 4: SPEED REGULATIONS

Based on the consideration of neighborhood character, abutting land use, bicycle and pedestrian use and physical characteristics of the highways, the following maximum speed limit permitted for any and all vehicular traffic are hereby established.

Section 1. The maximum speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour on all town streets and highways except for the following special speed zones:

A. Bigelow Hill Road

Proceeding easterly from the intersection of VT Route 22A to the intersection of Sheldon Road/Inman Pond Road the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour.

Proceeding westerly from the intersection of Sheldon Road/Inman Pond Road to the intersection of VT Route 22A the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour.

B. Capitol Hill

Proceeding easterly beginning at the intersection of Dutton Avenue the speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Proceeding westerly beginning at the Fair Haven/Castleton Town line for .6 miles the speed limit shall be 50 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Proceeding westerly beginning .6 miles westerly of the Fair Haven/Castleton Town line the speed limit shall be 40 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Proceeding westerly beginning .8 miles westerly of the Fair Haven/Castleton Town line the speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

C. Dutton Ave

Proceeding northerly beginning .4 miles from the intersection of North Main Street/Fourth Street/Capitol Hill the speed limit shall be 35 miles per hour.

D. Scotch Hill Road

Proceeding northerly from the intersection of US Route 4, Exit 3 to the Fair Haven/Castleton Town Line the speed limit shall be 35 miles per hour.

Proceeding southerly from the Fair Haven/Castleton Town line to a point .4 miles from the intersection of North Main Street/Fourth Street/Capitol the speed limit shall be 35 miles per hour.

E. South Main Street - South

A maximum speed limit of 30 mph from a point .4 miles from the intersection of Main Street/Prospect Street traveling in a southerly direction.

A maximum speed limit of 40 mph from a point .6 miles from the intersection of Main Street/Prospect Street traveling in a southerly direction.

A maximum speed limit of 30 mph from a point 1 mile from the intersection of Main Street/Prospect Street traveling in a southerly direction to the Fair Haven Town Line/New York State Line, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

F. South Main Street - North

A maximum speed limit of 40 mph from a point .6 miles from Fair Haven Town Line/New York State Line traveling in a southerly direction, the same as those limits

established and posted by the State of Vermont.

A maximum speed limit of 30 mph from a point 1.2 miles from Fair Haven Town Line/New York State Line traveling in a southerly direction to the intersection of Main Street/Prospect Street.

G. Washington Street - South

Proceeding southerly from the Fair Haven/West Haven Town line for 1.7 miles the speed limit shall be 50 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Proceeding southerly beginning 1.7 miles from the Fair Haven/West Haven Town line the speed limit shall be 40 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Proceeding southerly beginning 2.3 miles from the Fair Haven/West Haven Town line the speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour.

H. Washington Street - North

Proceeding northerly from the intersection of West Street/North Park Place for .6 miles the speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour.

Proceeding northerly beginning .6 miles from the intersection of West Street/North Park Place the speed limit shall be 40 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

Proceeding northerly beginning 1.2 miles from the intersection of West Street/North Park Place to the Fair Haven/West Haven town line the speed limit shall be 50 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont

I. Pine Street

Proceeding Northly from the intersection of Fourth Street/Pine Street to the termination of Pine Street the speed shall be 25 miles per hour

And

Proceeding southerly from the beginning of pine street to the intersection of Fourth/Pine the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour (Added 2019)

J. Mechanic

Proceeding Northly from the intersection of Fourth Street/Mechanic Street to the Fair Haven Union High School Property line the speed shall be 25 miles per hour

And

Proceeding southerly from the Fair Haven Union High School Property line to the intersection of Fourth/Mechanic the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour (added 2019)

K. The maximum speed limit on all unpaved roads within the Town of Fair Haven shall be 30 mph.

L. The maximum speed limit on all privately owned/maintained public access roads within the Town of Fair Haven shall be 30 mph unless otherwise posted.

M. US Route 4 – East

Proceeding easterly beginning at the New York border for 3.6 miles to the Fair Haven/Castleton Town line the speed limit shall be 65 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont. (added 11/24/2015)

N. US Route 4 – West

Proceeding westerly beginning at the Fair Haven/Castleton Town line for 2.7 miles the speed limit shall be 65 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont and proceeding westerly beginning .8 miles from the New York border the speed limit shall be 55 miles per hour, the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont. (added 11/24/2015)

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

ARTICLE 5: STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

Based on the consideration of intersection design, vehicular line of sight, and volume of traffic the following stop and yield intersections are hereby established.

Section 1. The following intersections shall be designated as stop intersections and shall be so signed:

Street Name	Direction	Approach
Academy Street	easterly	entering at Pleasant Street
Academy Street	westerly	entering at Pleasant Street
Academy Street	easterly	entering at South Main Street
Academy Street	easterly	entering at Cedar Street
Academy Street	westerly	entering at Cedar Street
Adams Street	southerly	entering at Prospect Street
Adams Street	northerly	entering at South Park Place
Airport Road	southerly	entering at Fourth Street
Allard Avnue	northerly	entering at West Street
Allen Avenue	westerly	entering at Caernarvon Street
Allen Avenue	easterly	entering at North Main Street
Benson Lane	westerly	entering at Highland/Edgewood
Benson Lane	easterly	entering at Washington Street

Street Name	Direction	Approach
Bigelow Road	westerly	entering at VT RT 22A
Bolger Road	westerly	entering at South Main Street (22A)
Brooklyn Heights	northerly	entering at River Street
Brown Avenue	easterly	entering at entering at Washington Street
Caernarvon Street	southerly	entering North Park Place
Capital Hill	westerly	entering at Fourth Street
Carnarvon Street	northerly	entering at Fourth Street
Cedar Street	northerly	entering at Academy Street
Cedar Street	southerly	entering at Academy Street
Cedar Street	northerly	entering at Prospect Street
Cemetery Street	easterly	entering at South Main Street
Center Street	easterly	entering at Pleasant Street
Center Street	southerly	entering at Academy Street
Cottage Street	southerly	entering at River Street
Crippen Avenue	easterly	entering at Adams Street
Depot Street	northerly	entering at River Street
Dutton Avenue	southerly	entering at North Main Street (Fish's Crossing)
Elm Street	southerly	entering at Union Street
Elm Street	easterly	entering at Washington Street
Fair Haven Avenue	northerly	entering at West Street
First Street	easterly	entering at Caernarvon Street
First Street	westerly	entering at Washington Street
Fourth Street	westerly	entering at Washington Street
Fourth Street	easterly	entering Capitol Hill at Dutton Ave (Fish's Crossing)
Furnace Street	westerly	entering at Washington Street
Furnace Street	easterly	entering at Caernarvon Street
Grape Street	easterly	entering at Washington Street
Greene Road	westerly	entering at South Main Street (VT RT 22A)
Grove Street	southerly	entering at Prospect Street
High Street	westerly	entering at Caernarvon Street
High Street	northerly	entering at Fourth Street
Inman Pond Road	westerly	entering at Sheldon Road

Street Name	Direction	Approach
Lee Avenue	easterly	entering at South Main Street
Lewis Lane	easterly	entering at Washington Street
Liberty Street	westerly	entering at Main Street
Liberty Street	easterly	entering at Cottage Street
Lockburn Avenue	southerly	entering at River Street
Mahar Road	northerly	entering at River Street
Maple Street	westerly	entering at Cottage Street
Maple Street	easterly	entering at Cottage Street
Marble Street	easterly	entering at Main Street Street
Marble Street	westerly	entering at Adams Street
Mechanic Street	northerly	entering at Fourth Street
Mechanic Street	southerly	entering at Fourth Street
Mechanic Street	northerly	entering at Second Street
Montgiven Avenue	northerly	entering at West Street
North Main Street	easterly	entering Capital Hill (VT RT 4A)
North Main Street	northerly	entering at Dutton Avenue (Fish's Crossing)
North Park Place	easterly	entering at North Main Street
Park and Ride	Westerly	Exiting Park and ride onto West Park Place
Park Avenue	easterly	entering at Cedar
Pelkey Avenue	easterly	entering at Caernarvon Street
Phelps Street	northerly	entering at Grape Street
Phelps Street	southerly	entering at West Street
Pine Street	southerly	entering at Fourth Street
Pleasant Street	northerly	entering at Prospect Street
Pleasant Street	southerly	entering at Cemetery Street
Pleasant Street	northerly	entering at Academy Street
Pleasant Street	southerly	entering at Academy Street
Prospect Street	westerly	entering US Route 4
Prospect Street	easterly	entering Main St at intersection of VT 4A / VT 22A
River Street	westerly	entering Main Street
Second Street	easterly	entering at Carnarvon Street
Second Street	westerly	entering at Washington Street

Street Name	Direction	Approach
Sharon Drive	northerly	entering at Academy
Sheldon Road	westerly	entering VT Rt 22A
South Park Place	easterly	entering at Main Street
South Park Place	Westerly	entering at West Park Place
Swamp Road	easterly	entering at South Main Street (VT RT 22A)
Swamp Road	northerly	entering at Prospect Street
Taconic View Lane	westerly	entering at Greene Road
That-A-Way	southerly	entering at West Street
Third Street	westerly	entering at Mechanic Street
This-A-Way	southerly	entering at West Street
Union Street	easterly	entering at Washington Street
Union Street	southerly	entering at Grape Street
West Park Place	northerly	entering at North Park Place
West Street	easterly	entering at Washington Street
Willard Avenue	northerly	entering at West Street
Woodlawn Drive	southerly	entering at West Street

Section 2. The following intersections shall be designated as “yield” intersections and shall be so signed:

- A. North Park Place Fork southerly entering at Main Street.
- B. North Main Street fork easterly entering at Capital Hill.

The above stop/yield intersections shall be posted in accordance with the standards set forth in the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and shall be in effect when so posted.

ARTICLE 6: PARKING REGULATIONS

Based on consideration of the character of the neighborhood, availability of off street parking and sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle use, line of site at intersections and physical characteristics of the highways the following parking regulations are hereby established.

Section 1. Adams Street

It shall be unlawful to park on either side of Adams Street.

Section 2. Allen Avenue

It shall be unlawful to park on either side of Allen Avenue for 40 feet westerly of the intersection of Allen Street/North Main Street.

Section 3. Caernarvon - Carnarvon Street

It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the east side of Caernarvon/Carnarvon Street from the intersection of North Park Place to the intersection of Fourth Street.

Section 4. Capitol Hill

It shall be unlawful to park on either side of Capitol Hill beginning at the intersection of Capitol Hill and North Main Street extending 115 feet easterly.

Section 5. Cottage Street

It shall be unlawful to park on either side of Cottage Street.

Section 6. First Street

It shall be unlawful to park on either side of First Street extending 215 feet east to the intersection of Washington Street/First Street.

Section 7. Fourth Street

It shall be unlawful to park at any time on either side of Fourth Street.

Section 8. Liberty Street

It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the north side of Liberty Street.

Section 9. Main Street

It shall be unlawful to park along the easterly (Main Street) side of the Town Green from the south-easterly Town Green walkway to the Park and Ride.

The property defined as the Town Green is all land inside the area enclosed by the streets known as North Park Place, West Park Place, South Park Place and East Park Place (Main Street) with the exception of the Park and Ride known as the free parking area.

Section 10. Marble Street

- A. It shall be unlawful to park upon the right of way including sidewalks on the north side of Marble Street from the corner of Marble Street/Main Street to the corner of Marble/Adams Streets.
- B. It shall be unlawful to park on the south side of Marble Street for 30 feet west of the intersection of Marble/Main Streets.

Section 11. North Main Street

- A. It shall be unlawful to park on the west side of North Main Street to a point 95 feet northerly of the intersection North Park Place/North Main Street.
- B. It shall be unlawful to park on the west side of North Main Street from a point 90 feet southerly of intersection Allen Avenue/North Main Street to a point 70 feet northerly of intersection Allen Avenue/North Main Street.

- C. It shall be unlawful to park on the west side of North Main Street from a point 217 feet southerly of intersection of North Main Street/Capitol Hill to the intersection of Fourth Street/Dutton Avenue.
- D. It shall be unlawful to park on the west side of North Main Street from a point 152 feet easterly of the intersection North Main Street/Capitol Hill to the intersection of Dutton Avenue/Fourth Street.
- E. It shall be unlawful to park on the east side of North Main Street from a point 162 feet southerly of the intersection North Main Street/Capitol Hill to a point 152 feet easterly of the intersection of North Main Street/Capitol Hill.

Section 12. North Park Place

- A. It shall be unlawful to park for more than fifteen minutes in the public parking space at the northwest corner of the municipal building property. (added 11/24/2015)
- B. It shall be unlawful to park on the northly side of North Park Place west of North Main Street and East of Caernarvon (added 8/24/2021)

Section 13. Pelkey Avenue

It shall be unlawful to park at any time on the northerly side of Pelkey Avenue.

Section 14. Washington Street

- A. It shall be unlawful to park on the east side if Washington Street from a point 260 feet south on Fourth Street to the intersection of Washington Street/Fourth Street.
- B. It shall be unlawful to park on the east side of Washington Street at Saint Mary's between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- C. It shall be unlawful to park on the East side of Washington Street/VT22A from a point immediately north of the northern most entrance/exit of the Fair Haven travel Center/ Maple fields to a point immediately south of the shared entrance exit road leading to McDonald's/ Peoples United Bank/ Fair Haven motors (added 2019)

Section 15. It shall be unlawful to park motor vehicles in any way that may restrict the proper use of parking facilities.

ARTICLE 7: ADDITIONAL PARKING PROHIBITION

Based on consideration of pedestrian safety and access by emergency fire personnel the following additional parking prohibitions are hereby established.

Section 1. Crosswalks - Intersections

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand fewer than 15 feet from a pedestrian crosswalk.

Section 2. Fire Hydrant

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand within 6 feet of any fire hydrant.

Section 3. Fire Lanes

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand where there is a yellow curb and/or the designation "Fire Lane" within any public access area.

Section 4. No Parking Signs

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand in any area where official "No Parking" signs are posted within any public access area.

Section 5. Sidewalks

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand on or partly on any sidewalk or obstruct any sidewalk with any vehicle, device or object of any type.

Section 6. Handicapped Parking Spaces

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand where an official handicapped symbol or "Handicapped Only" signs are posted within any public access area unless the vehicle displays a valid handicapped placard or license plate.

Section 7. Blocking Private Driveway

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand in such a manner as to block or hinder access to a private driveway.

Section 8. Double Parked

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand two vehicles side by side on any street/highway or road within the town.

Section 9. Intersections

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand within 21 feet of any intersection.

Section 10. Obstructing Traffic

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand a vehicle, on a bicycle or on foot, in a manner that will obstruct the normal flow of traffic.

Section 11. Direction of Traffic

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand in the opposite direction of the normal direction of traffic. (Wrong Side of the Curb)

ARTICLE 8: WINTER PARKING BAN

To promote public health and safety by facilitating snow removal in order to keep town highways clear and passable the following winter parking ban is hereby established.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for vehicles to be parked on any street or highway or within the public right-of-way within the Town of Fair Haven during the hours of 11:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. from November 15 through April 15.

ARTICLE 9: PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES

To promote the use of public parking facilities by visitors and employees for daily long term parking and ensure the availability of such parking the following prohibition is hereby established.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to use public parking facilities for the storage of motor vehicles and/or unregistered motor vehicles.

ARTICLE 10: DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING

To enhance the viability of the downtown business district, encourage successful business ventures and provide available customer parking for all businesses the following special downtown business district parking regulations are hereby established.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to park for more than two hours in public parking spaces on the east side of Main Street from the intersection of Main Street/Liberty Street to the Merchants Bank

Section 2. It shall be unlawful to park for more than two hours in public parking spaces on the west side of Main Street at the Durfee block.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful to park within the center of the area referred to as the triangle.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful to park for more than 15 minutes in the public parking spaces on the west side of the triangle.

ARTICLE 11: VIOLATION OF PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1. Vehicles parked in violation of Articles 6, 7, 9 and 10 of these regulations may be removed by order of any Fair Haven Constable or Fair Haven Police Officer at the expense of the owner. In addition to towing, a penalty as listed in the schedule of Parking Penalties may be assessed for each violation.

Section 2. Vehicles parked in violation of Article 8 of these regulations may be removed by order of any Fair Haven Constable, Fair Haven Police Officer or Fair Haven Public Works employee at the expense of the owner. In addition to towing, a penalty as listed in the schedule of Parking Penalties may be assessed for each violation.

Section 3. If the owner of a vehicle removed under Section 1 of this Article does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within 30 days of the date of such removal, the title to such vehicle shall escheat to the garage where the vehicle is held and the vehicle may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with 27 VSA Section 11.

ARTICLE 12: OBIDENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Section 1. Nothing in Articles 6 through 10 shall be construed to make unlawful vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator nor shall Articles 6 through 10 apply to motor vehicles owned, operated or controlled Emergency Services or Public Works vehicles.

ARTICLE 13: DESIGNATED ONE-WAY STREETS

To promote the safe flow of vehicular traffic the following one-way streets are hereby established.

Section 1. Upon those street and parts of streets, vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited.

Section 2. Passing a moving vehicle or operating a motor vehicle adjacent to a moving vehicle is prohibited on any designated one-way street.

Section 3. The following streets or portion of said streets are hereby designated as a one-way street and the direction of travel shall be as follows.

A. Pelkey Avenue

Legal direction of travel shall be easterly from intersection of Washington Street to the intersection of Carnarvon Street.

B. Maple Street

Legal direction of travel shall be easterly from intersection of Main Street through the area commonly known as the alley.

ARTICLE 14 - SCHOOL BUSES

Based on consideration of the character of the neighborhood, to promote the safety of pedestrian and bicycle users, and physical characteristics of the highway the following bus restrictions are hereby established.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any and all school buses to travel Liberty Street except under emergency or if weather conditions warrant use.

ARTICLE 15: VEHICLE WEIGHT - SIZE - LOAD

To promote the health and safety of the traveling public, to keep neighborhoods free of roadside litter and maintain the structural integrity of municipal highways the following vehicle weight, size and load regulations are hereby established.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to drop, leak or otherwise have its content escaping to any road or highway.

Section 2. All streets within Fair Haven shall carry a posted weight of 24,000 pounds except as follows:

A. Fourth Street

Maximum weight limit of 12,000

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any commercial vehicle to travel on Fourth Street except for those housed or those making deliveries to residents on Fourth Street, Mechanic Street, Pine Street or Airport Road. Fair Haven Highway vehicles and commercial vehicles contracted by the town shall be further exempt.

ARTICLE 16: SCHOOL ZONE - NORTH MAIN STREET

To promote the safety of students, faculty, parents and visitors; to promote safe routes to school and encourage students to walk or bicycle to and from school the following North Main Street School Zone and prohibitions are hereby established.

The North Main Street School Zone is defined as 1000 from the north and south of the Fair Haven Grade School along both east and west sides of North Main and Main Street. (added 2018)

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a school zone 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 school zone traffic control device.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device that may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of Fair Haven Selectboard.

Section 4. The following speed limits are hereby established:

A. North Main Street (VT RT 4A)- a maximum speed limit of 25 mph from a point 400 feet southerly from the intersection of North Park Place/North Main Street/Main Street traveling northerly for 400 feet.

This speed limit shall be in effect at all times the flashing yellow school zone lights are in operation.

At all other times the maximum speed limit shall be 30 mph.

B. North Main Street (VT RTE 4A) a maximum speed limit of 25 mph from a point 1,800 from the intersection of Capitol Hill/North Main Street/Dutton Ave/Fourth Street traveling southerly for 400 feet.

This speed limit shall be in effect at all times the flashing yellow school zone lights are

in operation.

At all other times the maximum speed limit shall be 30 mph.

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

Section 5. Parking Prohibited as follows:

- A. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle at any time on the east side of North Main Street/Main Street in the area of the Fair Haven Grade School Zone where official "No Parking" signs are posted.
- B. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle at any time on the west side of North Main Street in the area of the Fair Haven Grade School Zone where official "No Parking" signs are posted.
- C. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle for more than 15 minutes on the east side of North Main Street/Main Street in the area of the Fair Haven Grade School Zone where official "15 Minute Parking" signs are posted.
- D. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle for more than 2 hours on the east side of North Main Street/Main Street in the area of the Fair Haven Grade School Zone where official "2-hour Parking" signs are posted.
- E. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle for more than 15 minutes on the West side of North Main Street/Main Street in the area of the Fair Haven Grade School Zone where official "15 Minute Parking" signs are posted.
- F. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle for more than 2 hours on the west side of North Main Street/Main Street in the area of the Fair Haven Grade School Zone where official "2-hour Parking" signs are posted.

Section 6. Upon twenty-four-hour (24) notice to the Fair Haven Chief of Police the above "No Parking" signs may be covered for funerals and special events.

Section 7. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any Fair Haven Municipal law enforcement officer or Fair Haven Constable.

Section 8. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make it unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator nor shall this Article apply to motor vehicles owned, operated or controlled Emergency Services or Public Works vehicles.

ARTICLE 17: SCHOOL ZONE – FOURTH STREET

To promote the safety of students, faculty, parents and visitors; to promote safe routes to school and encourage students to walk or bicycle to and from school the following Fourth Street School Zone and prohibitions are hereby established.

The Fourth Street School Zone is defined as proceeding westerly from the intersection of Fourth Street and Caernarvon Street to the intersection of Fourth Street and Airport Road AND proceeding easterly from the intersection of Fourth Street and Airport Road to the intersection of Fourth Street and Caernarvon Street.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a school zone 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 school zone traffic control device.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device that may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of Fair Haven Selectboard.

Section 4. The following speed limits are hereby established:

A. Fourth Street West bound – a maximum speed limit of 25 mph from the intersection of Caernarvon Street to the intersection of Airport Road between the hours of 7:30am to 8:30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm when school is in session.

This speed limit shall be in effect at all times the flashing yellow school zone lights are in operation. (Once installed)

At all other times the maximum speed limit shall be 30 mph.

B. Fourth Street East bound- a maximum speed limit of 25 mph from the intersection of Fourth Street and Airport Road to the intersection of Fourth Street and Caernarvon Street between the hours of 7:30am to 8:30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm when school is in session.

This speed limit shall be in effect at all times the flashing yellow school zone lights are in operation. (Once installed)

At all other times the maximum speed limit shall be 30 mph.

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

Section 5. Parking Prohibited as follows:

A. It shall be unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle at any time on either side of Fourth Street where official "No Parking" signs are posted.

Section 6. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any Fair Haven Municipal law enforcement officer or Fair Haven Constable.

Section 7. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make it unlawful to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator nor shall this Article apply to motor vehicles owned, operated or controlled Emergency Services or Public Works vehicles.

ARTICLE 18: TOWN OR STATE PERMIT

Section 1. No person shall operate or cause to be operated a traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck or other motor vehicle on any town street or highway without first obtaining, having in his/her possession, and paying for all necessary town and state permits required for such vehicle due to the weight or size of such vehicle or the load being carried by such vehicle.

Section 2. Definitions

For purposes of this Article the term "size" shall include without limitations height, weight and length, and the phrases "town and state permits" and "town and state permits" means any State of Vermont Permit required under any provisions of 23 VSA, Chapter 13, Subchapter 15, currently existing or as hereafter from time to time amended.

Section 3. Defenses

For purposes of this Article it shall be an absolute defense if the alleged violator proves that his/ her operation of such vehicle without the required permit was nevertheless under special permission of the Fair Haven Select Board or their authorized representative or the Vermont Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or authorized representative.

ARTICLE 19: ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Issuing officials shall include any officer from the Fair Haven Municipal Police Department and/or any properly certified Town of Fair Haven Constable.

ARTICLE 20: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. This is a civil ordinance which shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions in 24 VSA §1974a and 1977 et seq.

Section 2. Separate Offenses:

Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3. Penalties - Speed

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.

Section 4. Penalties - Parking

A. 2 Hour Violation	\$15 (1 st Offense); \$20 (2 nd Offense); \$25 (3 rd offense)
B. 6 feet of Fire Hydrant	\$15
C. Blocking Private Driveway	\$15
D. On a Sidewalk	\$15
E. Double Parked	\$15
F. Crosswalk (on or within 15 ft.)	\$15
G. 21 Feet of an Intersection	\$15
H. No Parking Area	\$15
I. Obstructing Traffic	\$15
J. Parking Ban (Snow Removal)	\$15
K. Handicapped Parking Only	\$50
L. Fire Lane Zone	\$15
M. Not in Direction of Traffic	\$15
N. Other	\$15

Section 5. Penalties - Other

The penalty for violation of any article set forth in this ordinance where a specific penalty is not set out in this ordinance shall be that set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

Section 6. Failure to Respond to Parking Violations

Any Town of Fair Haven Parking Violation ticket not paid in full within 7 days shall be reissued as a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint ticket or a Vermont Municipal Complaint ticket and shall be forwarded to the Vermont Judicial Bureau for processing.

The fine for parking violations issued as a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint ticket or a Vermont Municipal Complaint ticket shall be that set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

Section 7. Failure to Respond to Vermont Civil Violation or Vermont Municipal Complaint

Any Vermont Civil Violation Complaint ticket or any Vermont Municipal Complaint ticket not answered within 20 days of issue by notifying the Judicial Bureau that you admit, not contest or deny the allegation(s) in the Complaint shall be subject to a failure to answer fee as established by the Judicial Bureau. The additional fee may be added to the Waiver Penalty amount shown on the front of the Complaint.

Section 8. Any Vermont Municipal Complaint not answered shall be subject to the penalties, fees and collection methods as established by the Vermont Judicial Bureau.

Section 9. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provisions hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.

Section 10. Designation

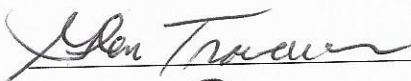
This ordinance may be referred to as the Fair Haven, Vermont Traffic Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of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


Section 11. Repeal of Prior Ordinances: Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Fair Haven is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 21: EFFECTIVE DATE


This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Fair Haven Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 VSA §1973, the taking effect of this ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

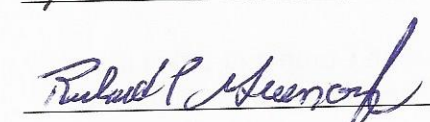
Adopted this 1 day of October, 2024 by the Fair Haven Selectboard.











Adopted: August 11, 2009	Effective: October 10, 2009
Amended: November 24, 2015	Effective: January 24, 2016
Amended: July 3, 2018	Effective: September 1, 2018 (voters overturned amendment)
Amended: June 4, 2019	Effective: August 3, 2019
Amended: August 24, 2021	Effective: October 23, 2021
Amended: October 18, 2022	Effective: December 17, 2022
Amended: November 29, 2022	Effective: January 28, 2023
Amended: October 1, 2024	Effective: November 30, 2024