

# Town of Jamaica, Vermont

## Traffic Ordinance



Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1007, 1008, and such other general enactments as may be material thereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Jamaica that the following Traffic Ordinance be adopted for the Town of Jamaica, Vermont:

### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- (a) Street: The whole area within the limits of a public highway.
- (b) Sidewalk: That portion of a street, which is set apart for public pedestrian travel.
- (c) Crosswalk: That portion of a street, which is designated for pedestrian use in crossing from one side to the other.
- (d) Vehicle: Any contrivance capable of being used for the conveyance of persons or goods on land, except light carriages for the use of children or invalids.
- (e) Parking: The stopping or standing on a street of any vehicle whether occupied or unoccupied.
- (f) Intersection: Any street, which joins another at an angle, whether or not it crosses the other.
- (g) Official Traffic Control Devices: Any traffic light, flashing beacon, sign, signal or marking placed by the Selectmen for the regulation of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or of parking, and any sign, signal or marking placed by a Police Officer to designate temporary regulations.
- (h) Emergency Vehicle: An ambulance or rescue vehicle or any vehicle of the Fire or Police Department when responding to an emergency.
- (i) Police Department: If no Organized department, the term "Police Department" is to mean town police constables, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and state police.
- (j) Police Officer: Town police officers, town constables, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and state police officers.
- (k) Town Highways: Same as defined in Title 19 Vermont Statutes Annotated §1.
- (1) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways: Publication of the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration setting forth standards for traffic control devices and which shall be the standards for all traffic control signs, signals and markings within the state, as set forth in Title 23, V.S.A. §1025.

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### ARTICLE II AUTHORITY OF POLICE OFFICERS

#### Section 1. **Police to Direct Traffic**

It shall be the duty of any-police -officer to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. Officers of the police department are hereby. Authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audible signal in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance providing that in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police or fire department may direct traffic, as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance.

#### Section 2. **Obedience to Police**

It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a police officer, and in the event of a fire or other emergency, of any officer of the fire department directing traffic.

### ARTICLE III OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

#### Section 1. **Location of Traffic Control Signs**

Traffic control signs and painted stop lines, where highway is paved, in connection therewith shall be maintained at the following locations:

- (a) A "stop" sign at the junction of Town Highway 130 entering Town Highway 11.
- (b) A "stop" sign on Town Highway #63 west bound at junction of Town Highway #67.
- (c) A "stop" sign at the junction of Town Highway 136 entering Town Highway 135.
- (d) .A "stop" sign at the junction of Town Highway 124 entering-Town-Highway-11.
- (e) A "stop" sign at the junction of Town Highway 118 entering Town Highway 119.
- (f) A "yield" sign at the junction of Town Highway 135 entering Town Highway 11.

#### Section 2. **Proceeding Through Intersections and Crosswalks**

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to enter or proceed through an intersection or crosswalk without due regard to the safety of other persons, regardless of what indications may be given by traffic signals.

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## ARTICLE IV PEDESTRIANS

### Section 1. **Location of Crosswalks**

Crosswalks shall be located at the discretion of the Selectmen and shall be approximately six feet wide and shall, cross streets in the places and in the manner designated by the Selectmen.

### Section 2. **Marking of Crosswalks**

Crosswalks shall be marked by parallel painted lines and where such crosswalk borders upon a curbing, such curbing shall be painted between such parallel lines.

## ARTICLE V SPEEDING RESTRICTIONS

### Section 1.

It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle within the Town limits of Jamaica at a speed greater than the posted limits.

### Section 2.

It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle on the following Town Highways at a speed greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour:

- (a) On TH #63 from the intersection of VT Rte #30 to the intersection of TH #67.
- (b) The entire length of TH #20
- (c) It shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour on TH #63 from the intersection of TH #67 to its terminus.

### Section 3. **Signs**

Signs indicating the speed limits provided above shall be posted conspicuously within the highway limits in accordance with the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

### Section 4. **Operation Where Children Gathered or Apparent Danger**

It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle at any time in any area where children are gathered or where there exists any condition of apparent danger, at an unreasonable rate of speed.

### Section 5. **Operation in School Zones**

It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle on any highway within 200 feet of any school building at a speed greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

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### ARTICLE VI PARKING OF VEHICLES

#### Section 1. **Stopping on Curve, Hill or Used Part of Street**

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to stop or park a vehicle within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a curve or on the brow of a hill.

#### Section 2. **General Parking Restrictions**

It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle at any time:

- (a) Abreast of another vehicle
- (b) At any point on a street, including a designated parking space, when the presence of such vehicle in conjunction with any other condition then existing will obstruct the free passage of other vehicles upon the street.

#### Section 3. **Abandoned Vehicles or Vehicles Parked so as to Amount to a Nuisance**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to leave a vehicle on property owned, leased or maintained by the Town, or parked on a street within the Town, for twelve hours or more continuously.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on a street in a manner to interfere with the removal of snow from the streets.
- (c) Whenever a motor vehicle is parked on a street contrary to this ordinance or so as to interfere with the policing, construction or maintenance of the street, including but not limited to the removal of snow, the police department may cause the motor vehicle to be towed away at the expense of the owner in an amount as permitted by Title 23, V.S.A. §1752 not to exceed Twenty and NO/100 (\$20.00) Dollars provided that signs indicating that vehicles may be towed away at owner's expense are posted conspicuously at intervals of not more than 100 feet along streets where parking is restricted by this ordinance.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to park an automobile without authorization on publicly or privately owned land, including, by illustration and not limitation, public municipal or private parking lots, drives and ways. The owner of the automobile shall be required to pay a towing charge, as permitted by Title 23, V.S.A. §1753 not to exceed removal of such vehicle and storage charges Per day for which a lien is imposed against the automobile and/or its owner which shall be in addition to any penalty imposed under Article IX.

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### Section 5. **Parking For Display Purposes**

It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle on any street for a period~ in excess of fifteen minutes for the purpose of displaying for sale such vehicle or any merchandise therein.

### Section 6. **Repairs**

It shall be unlawful to assemble or dismantle any vehicle while parked on a street or to perform repairs any break thereon except emergency minor repairs or the servicing of such vehicle with gasoline, oil or water.

### Section 7. **Parking Within Lines**

Where lines are marked on the streets for parking, all drivers must park their vehicles or leave them standing within said lines.

### Section 9. **Exceptions**

Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful vehicular stops in obedience to a signal by a police officer, stops to clear the way for emergency vehicles, or stops made necessary by causes beyond the control of the operator.

## ARTICLE VIII OPERATION OF VEHICLES

### Section 1. **Approaching Bus or Public Conveyance**

Any operator of a vehicle on approaching a bus stopped for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers shall slow down so as to safeguard passengers who are entering or alighting.

### Section 2. **Driving Through Processions Prohibited**

It shall be unlawful for the operator of vehicle to drive the same so as to interfere with or into a funeral procession or any other authorized civic, military or public procession while such procession is in action.

### Section 3. **Prevention of Nuisances**

No vehicles shall be driven or moved on any street, roadway, or highway unless such vehicle is so construed or loaded as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping there from.

## ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Section 1. **Separate Offenses**

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

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### Section 2. **Penalties**

A person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than One Hundred and NO/100 (\$100.00) Dollars, together with the costs of prosecution.

### Section 3. **Construction**

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 in effect, regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

### Section 4. **Separability**

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separable, and if any provision thereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

### Section 5. **Designation**

This ordinance may be referred to as the Jamaica Traffic Ordinance of 1984, and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk of Jamaica, to be lawfully adopted and existing ordinance of the Town of Jamaica, shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of such ordinance shall be a sufficient reference thereto.

### Section 6. **Repeal of Prior Ordinances**

Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Jamaica that is inconsistent with any of the foregoing traffic regulations is hereby repealed.

### Section 7. **Publication and Posting**

This ordinance shall be published in the Brattleboro Reformer on November 16, 1984 filed with the Jamaica Town Clerk on November 12, 1984 and shall become effective on January 26, 1984.

### Section 8. **Adoption**

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Jamaica on November 9, 1984