

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

TOWN OF CALAIS

AS AMENDED THROUGH February 27, 2023

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 materials hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Selectboard of the Town of Calais that the following Traffic Ordinance, originally adopted on January 25, 1990, and amended on June 10, 1991, on July 25, 2011, and August 28, 2017, is further amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE II**

**SCOPE**

The ordinance establishes specific traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Calais, Vermont.

**ARTICLE III**

**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 which may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of Calais Selectboard.

**ARTICLE IV**

**SPEED REGULATIONS**

Based on an engineering and traffic investigation, the following maximum speed limits are determined and declared to be reasonable and safe and are hereby established:

**State Aid Highway #1** County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.

A maximum speed of 40 mph beginning at the Calais-East Montpelier Town Line, extending northerly to a point beginning 2,744 feet southerly of the intersection of SAH #2 (Worcester Road), then:

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning 2,744 feet southerly of the intersection of SAH #2 (Worcester Road) and continuing northerly and easterly to a point 1,000 feet southwest of the intersection of SAH #2 (Worcester Road), then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at a point 1,000 feet east of the intersection of SAH #2 (Worcester Road) and continuing easterly to the intersection of SAH #3 (Pekin Brook Road), then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at the intersection of SAH #3 (Pekin Brook Road) and extending northerly a distance of 1.2 miles, then a maximum speed of 25 mph from a point 1.2 miles north of the intersection of SAH #3 (Pekin Brook Road) to a point .5 miles north of the intersection of TH #17 (Upper Road), then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph from a point .5 miles north of the intersection of TH #17 (Upper Road) and extending northerly to the Calais-Woodbury Town Line.

**State Aid Highway #2** (Worcester Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #1 (County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.) and extending westerly to the intersection of TH #42 (Long Meadow Hill Rd./Robinson Rd./Kaeding Rd.), then a maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection of TH #42 (Long Meadow Hill Rd./Robinson Rd./Kaeding Rd.) extending northerly to the Calais-Worcester Town Line.

**State Aid Highway #3** (Pekin Brook Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

**State Aid Highway #4** (Marshfield Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of Vermont Route #14 and extending easterly to the intersection of TH #37 (Luce Road), then a maximum speed of 30 mph from the intersection of TH #37 (Luce Road) extending easterly to the Calais- Marshfield Town Line.

**State Aid Highway #5 (Class II)** Moscow Woods Rd.

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #1 (County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.) and extending easterly to a point .5 miles west of the intersection of Vermont Route #14, then a maximum speed of 25 mph from a point .5 miles west of the intersection of Vermont Route #14 extending easterly to the intersection of Vermont Route #14.

Town Highway #5 (Class III) (**West County Rd.**)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of SAH #2 (**Worcester Road**) and extending northerly for a distance of 4,550 feet, then:

A maximum speed of 35 mph beginning at a point 4550 feet north of the intersection of SAH #2 (**Worcester Road**) and extending northerly for 2.55 miles to the Calais-Woodbury town line.

**State Aid Highway #6 (Class II) (Haggett Rd., Center Rd.)**

Town Highway #6 (Class III) (**Woodbury Mtn. Road.**)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

**State Aid Highway #7 Lightening Ridge Rd. (paved)**

Town Highway #9 (**Dugar Brook Rd.**)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #10 (**Bayne Comolli Rd.**)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #1 (**#10 Pond Rd., Nelson Pond Rd.**)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #1 (**County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.**) and extending westerly 600 feet, then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at a point 600 feet north of the intersection of TH #1 (**County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.**) and extending north-westerly to the Calais-Woodbury town line.

Town Highway #13 (**Mirror Lake Rd.**)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #15 (**Balentine Rd.**)

A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #16 (Balentine Rd., Haydon Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #17 (Upper Road)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #18 (Sand Hill Rd.) (Section 1)

A maximum speed of 35 mph beginning at the intersection of SAH #4 (Marshfield Road) and extending northerly 1.24 miles to the junction of TH #20.

Town Highway #18 (Sand Hill Rd.) (Section 3)

A maximum speed of 35 mph beginning at the intersection of VT. Route 14 and extending northerly a distance of .60 miles to the junction of TH #19 (Sand Hill Road).

Town Highway #19 (Sand Hill Rd.)

A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #20 (Bliss Rd.)

A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #21 (East Hill Rd.)

A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #25 (Robinson Cemetery Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #5 (Class III) (West County Road) and extending south- easterly for a distance of 3,150 feet, then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at a point 3150 feet south- easterly of the intersection of TH #5 (Class III) (West County Road) and continuing to the intersection of TH #1.

Town Highway #27 (Apple Hill Rd., Elmslie Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #28 (Apple Hill Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #30 (Upper Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #16 (Balentine Rd., Haydon Rd.) and TH #17 (Upper Road) and extending southerly to the intersection of SAH #5 (Class II) (Moscow Woods Road).

Town Highway #32 (Batten Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #33 (Jack Hill Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #36 (Peck Hill Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of SAH #3 (Pekin Brook Road) and extending in a northerly direction to a point .1 mile north of the intersection of TH #35 (Fifer's Ride), a distance of .88 miles, then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph from a point .88 miles north of the intersection of SAH #3 (Pekin Brook Road) and extending to the intersection of VT. Route 14.

Town Highway #37 (Luce Rd.)

A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #38 (Max Gray Rd., East Hill Rd.)

A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #39 (Sadie Foss Rd.)

A maximum speed of 35 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #41 (Collar Hill Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #42 (Long Meadow Hill Rd., Robinson Rd., Kaeding Rd.)

A maximum speed limit of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #1 (County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.) and extending easterly .70 miles to the intersection of TH #43 (Long Meadow Hill Rd.), then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at a point 1.5 miles from the intersection of TH #1 (County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.) and extending northerly .95 miles to the intersection of SAH #2 (Worcester Road).

Town Highway #44 (Wheeler Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #45 (Old West Church Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #46 (Bliss Pond Rd., Fowler Rd., Adamant Rd., Lightening Ridge Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #1 (County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.) and extending easterly for .90 miles to the intersection of TH #45 (Old West Church Road), then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #45 (Old West Church Road) and extending easterly for .80 miles to the intersection of TH #48 (Singleton Road), then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #48 (Singleton Road) and extending southeasterly for .65 miles to the intersection of TH #57 (Adamant Road), then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #57 (Adamant Road) and extending easterly 2.19 miles to the intersection of TH #61 (Gray Rd.), then:

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #61 (Gray Rd.) and extending to the intersection of Vermont Route #14.

Town Highway #48 (Singleton Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #49 (Leonard Rd., George Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #50 (George Rd.) and extending first easterly and then northerly for .60 miles to the intersection of SAH #3 (Pekin Brook Road).

Town Highway #50 (George Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #53 (Martin Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #6 (Class II) (Haggett Rd., Center Rd.) and extending northwesterly for a distance of 600 feet, then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at a point 600 feet north-westerly of the intersection of TH #6 (Class II) (Haggett Rd., Center Rd.) and continuing to the intersection of TH #1 (County Rd., Kent Hill Rd., N. Calais Rd., Foster Hill Rd.).

Town Highway #57 (Adamant Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #6 (Class II) (Haggett Rd., Center Rd.) and extending northeasterly for a distance of 1,300 feet, then:

A maximum speed of 30 mph beginning at a point 1300 feet northeasterly of the intersection of TH #6 (Haggett Rd., Center Rd.) and continuing northeasterly for approximately .70 miles to the intersection of TH #46 (Bliss Pond Rd./Fowler Rd./Adamant Rd./Lightening Ridge Rd.).

Town Highway #59 (Sodom Pond Rd.)

A maximum speed of 25 mph beginning at the intersection of TH #57 (Adamant Road) and extending easterly .30 miles to the Calais-East Montpelier Town line.

Town Highway #60 (Tucker Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

Town Highway #61 (Gray Rd.)

A maximum speed of 30 mph for its entire length.

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 at all times when so posted.

**ARTICLE V**  
**STOP INTERSECTIONS**

Section 1.

The following intersections shall be designated as STOP intersections, and shall be so signed:

SAH #1 Kent Hill Rd. entering SA#3 Pekin Brook Rd and SA#1 N. Calais Rd.

SAH #6 Haggett Rd. and Center Road entering TH #57 Adamant Rd.

TH #1 - Kent Hill Rd. entering SAH #2 north – Worcester Rd. and TH #1 south -County Rd.

SAH #2 Worcester Rd. entering TH #5 north - West County Rd and SAH #2 south – Worcester Rd.

TH #5 (Moscow Woods Road) (Class IIa) entering TH #1 N. Calais Rd.

TH #5 West County Rd. (Class III) entering SAH #2 (Worcester Road)

TH #9 Dugar Brook Rd. entering TH #5 West County Rd. (Class III)

TH #18 Sand Hill Rd. entering SAH #4 Marshfield Rd.

TH #25 Robinson Cemetery Rd. entering TH #1 Kent Hill Rd.

TH #26 connects Robinson Cemetery Rd. & West County Rd. entering TH #5 West County Rd. (Class III)

TH #30 Upper Rd. entering SAH #5 Moscow Woods Rd. (Class II)

TH #33 Jack Hill Rd. entering SAH #5 Moscow Woods Rd. (Class II)

TH #37 Luce Rd. entering TH #38 Max Gray Rd. and East Hill Rd.

TH #38 East Hill Rd. entering SAH #4 Marshfield Rd.

TH #39 Sadie Foss Rd. entering TH #38 Max Gray Rd and East Hill Rd.

TH #41 Collar Hill Rd. entering SAH #2 Worcester Rd.

TH #42 Long Meadow Hill Rd. entering TH #1 County Rd.

TH #44 Wheeler Rd. entering TH #1 County Rd.

TH #45 Old West Church Rd. entering TH #1 Kent Hill Rd.

TH #46 Bliss Pond Rd. entering TH #1 County Rd.

TH #49 Leonard Rd. entering SAH #3 Pekin Brook Rd.

TH #50 George Rd. entering TH #46 Lightening Ridge Rd.

TH #51 Chapin Rd. entering TH #46 Lightening Ridge Rd.

TH #53 Martin Rd. entering TH #1 County Rd.

TH #53 Martin Rd. entering SAH #5 (Class II) Haggett Rd.



TH #60 Tucker Rd. entering TH #46 Lightening Ridge Rd.

TH #61 Gray Rd. entering TH #46 Lightening Ridge Rd.

## Section 2. YIELD INTERSECTIONS

The following intersections shall be designated as YIELD intersections, and shall be so signed:

TH #10 Bayne Comolli Rd. entering TH #12 Nelson Pond Rd.

TH #12 Nelson Pond Rd. entering TH #1 N. Calais Rd.

TH #13 Mirror Lake Rd. entering TH #12 Nelson Pond Rd.

## ARTICLE VI

### LOADED VEHICLES

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any town highway unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded so as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom.

## ARTICLE VII

### 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 provisions.

Section 4. Designation:

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

Section 5. Publication and Posting:

This ordinance, as amended, or a concise summary hereof shall be published and posted as provided by 24 V.S.A. §1972.

Adopted by the Town of Calais Selectboard at its meeting held on the 25th day of January 1990, and amended by the Town of Calais Selectboard on the 10th day of June, 1991, on the 20th day of January, 1992, on the 25 day of July, 2011, ~~and~~ on the 28 day of August, 2017 **and on 27 February, 2023**.

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