

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATION AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES & BICYCLES

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ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.01 Wherever in these ordinances the following terms are used, they shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to them in this section.
- a. **STREET OR HIGHWAY:** Shall include all parts of any bridge, culvert, roadway, street, square, or other place open temporarily or permanently to public or general circulation of vehicles, and shall include a way laid out under authority of law.
 - b. **ROADWAY:** Shall mean that portion of a highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, exclusive of the shoulder.
 - c. **SIDEWALK:** That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral line of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians.
 - d. **CROSSWALK:** That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway. Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.
 - e. **PARKING:** Shall mean the stopping of a vehicle for longer than necessary for a passenger or passengers to leave or enter such vehicle.
 - f. **OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGN:** A device mounted on a fixed or portable support whereby a specific message is conveyed by means of words or

symbols places or erected for the purpose of regulation, warning, or guiding traffic.

- g. TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL: A type of highway signal manually, electrically, or mechanically operated by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and permitted to proceed.
- h. OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES: All traffic signs, highway traffic signals, traffic markings, and other devices erected or placed on or adjacent to a highway or street by authority of the public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.
- i. DRIVER: Shall include the operator of an automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, tractor, or other motor vehicle.
- j. PEDESTRIAN: Shall mean any person afoot.
- k. AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE: Shall mean a vehicle of a fire department, police vehicle, and public and private ambulance.
- l. ONE WAY STREET: Shall mean a street or highway upon which traffic is forbidden to travel in one direction thereon.
- m. ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS: Shall include sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, police officers, State's Attorneys, motor vehicle inspectors, and state police.
- n. MOTOR VEHICLE: Shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, except tractors used entirely for work on the farm, vehicles running only upon stationary rails or tracks, motorized highway building equipment, road making appliances or snowmobiles.
- o. TRACTOR-TRAILER: Shall include all full-trailer truck vehicles commonly known as semi-trailers, trailers, 18-wheel trailers or tandems. These vehicles are a combination of a truck and a trailer.

ARTICLE 2. AUTHORITY OF POLICE

- 2.01 Authority: Police may Direct Traffic: Officials of the Police Department or other law enforcement officers are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audible signal in conformance with the provisions of these ordinances, provided 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 these ordinances.

- 2.02 Obedience of Police: Every person is hereby forbidden to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of a police officer, law enforcement officer, or officer of the Fire Department at the time of an emergency.
- 2.03 Public Employees To Obey Traffic Regulations: The provisions of these Ordinances shall apply to the operator of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the U.S. Government, the State, County, or Town, and every such operator is forbidden to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, except as otherwise permitted in this ordinance.
- 2.04 Exemptions to Authorized Emergency Vehicles: The provisions of these Ordinances regulating the movement, parking, and standing of vehicles shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles as defined in these Ordinances while the driver of such vehicles is operating the same in an emergency in the performance of public duties. This exemption shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

ARTICLE 3. TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

- 3.01 Obedience to Traffic Signs and Signals: Every operator of a vehicle is forbidden to disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal placed in accordance with the provisions of these Ordinances, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, or officer of the Fire Department in case of an emergency.
- 3.02 Traffic Control Signal Legend: Whenever traffic at an intersection of streets is alternately directed to proceed or to stop by the use of signals exhibiting colored lights or the words "GO," "CHANGE," or "CAUTION" and "STOP" said lights and terms shall indicate as follows:
 - a. GREEN OR "GO": Traffic facing the signal may proceed, except that vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and vehicles lawfully within a crosswalk or the intersection at the time such signal was exhibited.
 - b. YELLOW or "CAUTION" or "CHANGE": When shown following the Green or "GO" signal: Traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the intersection unless so close to the intersection that a stop cannot be made in safety.
 - c. RED or "STOP": Traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the intersection and remain standing until the GREEN or "GO" signal is shown alone.

ARTICLE 4. PEDESTRIANS' RIGHT OF WAY

- 4.01 The operator of any vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk except at intersections of streets where the movement of traffic is being regulated by a police officer or traffic control signal.
- 4.02 Whenever any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not pass such stopped vehicle.
- 4.03 Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk shall yield the right of way to vehicles upon the roadway, provided that this provision shall not relieve the driver of a vehicle from the duty of exercising due care for the safety of pedestrians.

ARTICLE 5. OPERATION OF VEHICLES

- 5.01 Speed: No motor vehicle shall be driven at a rate of speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour within the Village of Ludlow on any of the following streets or highways:
 - a. Andover Street from Main Street southerly to the Village line; Pleasant Street from Andover Street southerly to Pleasant Street Ext.; Depot Street from High Street southerly to intersection of Bridge Street, Elm Street, Mill Street, Prospect Street, Smith Street, West Main Street, High Street from South Main Street to intersection with Prospect Street, Gill Terrace, Orion Avenue, Thompson Avenue, Bowker Court, Gleascott Avenue, Meadow Lane, Pond Street from Main Street north to Village line, Pond Street Ext. from Andover Street northerly to Pond Street, Pond St. Court, Terrace Avenue, Lawridge Heights, West Hill Road from Pond Street westerly to G.M.R.R., Okemo Heights, Twine Hill, Plumley Avenue, Parker Avenue, Hobart Avenue, Lamere Avenue, Main Street from Village line northerly to Pond Street, Commonwealth Avenue from Main Street northerly to Village line, Dug Road section of High Street from Prospect Street northerly to the Village line, Okemo Mt. Access Road from Route 103 to Railroad Trestle.
- 5.02 One Way Streets: No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the following streets in any direction except that indicated by signs thereon or at the ends thereof. That section of High Street known as Dug Road shall be one way from the intersection of Prospect Street to the intersection of Vermont Route 103. Vehicles to travel in a northerly direction.
- 5.03 Stop Intersections: Stop signs may be erected on the following streets for the regulation of traffic at the following intersections, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
 - a. Andover Street: Northbound traffic at the intersection with Main Street;
Bowker Court: At the intersection with West Hill Road; Pond Street at the

intersection with Bridge Street; Westbound traffic at the intersection of Andover Street, Eastbound traffic at the intersection with South Main Street; Gill Terrace: Southbound traffic at the intersection with High Street; Gleascott Avenue: Southbound traffic at the intersection with High Street, and at the intersection with South Main Street; Elm Street: Northbound traffic at the intersection with South Main Street, Southbound traffic at the intersection with South Main Street; Lawridge Heights: Westbound traffic at the intersection with South Hill Road; Meadow Lane: Eastbound traffic at the intersection with Mill Street, westbound traffic at the intersection with South Main Street; Mill Street: Southbound traffic at the intersection with Pleasant Street, Northbound traffic at the intersection with South Main Street; Okemo, Heights: Westbound traffic at the intersection with South Hill Road; Orion Avenue: Southbound traffic at the intersection with High Street; Parker Avenue: Southbound traffic at the intersection with Andover Street; Pleasant Street: Eastbound traffic at the intersection with Depot Street; Westbound traffic at the intersection with Depot Street, and at the intersection with Andover Street; Plumley Avenue: Northbound traffic at the intersection with Andover Street; Pond Street Court; Eastbound traffic at the intersection with Pond Street Ext.; Pond Street Ext.: Southbound traffic at the intersection with Andover Street, northbound traffic at the intersection with Main Street; Smith Street: Westbound traffic at the intersection with Depot Street; Terrace Avenue: Westbound traffic at the intersection with High Street; Twine Hill: Westbound traffic at the intersection with South Hill Road; Black River High School: Traffic entering South Main Street from either the northern or southern school exits; Okemo Mountain Road: Eastbound traffic at the intersection with Pond Street; West Main Street: Eastbound traffic at the intersection with Pond Street; Commonwealth Avenue: Southbound at intersection with South Main Street; Prospect Street: Eastbound at intersection with Depot Street. Depot Street: Northbound traffic at the intersection with Pleasant Street; Depot Street: Southbound traffic at the intersection with Pleasant Street; Depot Street: Northbound traffic at the intersection with High Street; High Street: Eastbound and Westbound traffic at the intersection with Depot Street; Elm Street: Southbound traffic at the intersection with [South Main Street] Pleasant Street; Pleasant Street: Eastbound traffic at the intersection with Elm Street, westbound traffic at the intersection with Elm Street; Gleascott Avenue: Northbound traffic at the intersection with High Street; High Street: Eastbound traffic at the intersection with Gleascott Avenue; 3-way stops at the intersections of Depot and High Street and at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Elm Street; 4-way stop at the intersections of High Street and Gleascott Avenue.

- 5.04 Yield Right of Way: Yield right of way signs may be erected on the following streets for the regulation of traffic at the following intersections, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees:
- a. Prospect Street: Northbound traffic at the intersection with High Street.

- 5.05 Traffic Control-Signals: All traffic approaching the intersection of Main Street and Depot Street from any direction shall conform with the regulations as set forth in ARTICLE 3, § 3.01 and § 3.02 (a), (b) and (c).
- 5.06 No Passing: It shall be unlawful for a motor vehicle to pass any other motor vehicle moving in the same direction on any street within the. limits of the Village of Ludlow.
- 5.07 All tractor-trailer vehicles are restricted from travel on Pleasant Street and Pleasant Street Extension in either direction, except from Route 103 to Soapstone Road and when in compliance with the directions of a Ludlow Police Officer or other Emergency Personnel.

ARTICLE 6. PARKING

- 6.01 The operator of a motor vehicle is forbidden to stop, stand, or park the same at any time for any reason within the limits of a Village highway except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer.
- 6.02 The operator of a motor vehicle is forbidden to stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle at any time as follows:
 - a. Within the intersection of any streets or within fifteen (15) feet of a street corner;
 - b. On any sidewalk or crosswalk, unless it is necessary for the purpose of loading or unloading said vehicle and then only for as long as may be necessary;
 - c. Within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant;
 - d. In front of any private driveway;
 - e. Upon any bridge;
 - f. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
 - g. On any one-way street;
 - h. Other than parallel to the curb with the right side of the vehicle not more than six (6) inches from the curb or edge of roadway and within parking berths if they are designated, except when lanes are marked on the street in a diagonal manner and then within the confines thereof;
 - i. At any place where there are "NO PARKING" signs, either on the curb or written in the streets, or "NO PARKING" signs on standards or posts;
 - j. Within thirty (30) feet of the front of any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side, center, or above the roadway when there indicated by a "NO PARKING" sign;
 - k. Within ten (10) feet of any gasoline pump when there indicated by a "NO PARKING" sign;
 - l. On the north side of main Street in front of the premises used for the LUDLOW FIRE STATION;
 - m. On the west side of Depot Street southerly from Main Street to the railroad

- bridge when there indicated by "NO PARKING" signs except it shall be lawful for a vehicle to be left standing for ten (10) minutes between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in front of the Town Hall between crosswalks and private driveways for persons having business in the Town Hall;
- n. There will be no parking on the west side of Pond Street between Okemo Access Road and West Hill Street from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. between December 1st and April 1st;
 - o. There will be no parking any time on east side of Pond Street from West Hill Street northerly to the Village line;
 - p. There will be no parking on either side of Main Street from Andover Street to Pond Street;
 - q. There will be no parking any time on west side of Pond Street from Okemo Access Road northerly to the Village line;
 - r. There will be no parking any time on west side of Pond Street from Okemo Access Road south for approximately two-hundred (200') feet, a point designated by a "NO PARKING" sign;
 - s. There will be no parking on either side of Okemo Mountain Road from Pond Street westerly to T.R. #51 (crossroad from Okemo, Ski Area to West Hill Road);
 - t. There will be no parking the west side of Depot Street from the bridge northerly to the intersection with High Street;
 - u. There will be no parking on the west side of Depot Street from intersection of Prospect Street northerly to intersection of High Street;
 - v. There will be no parking on the south side of Prospect Street;
 - w. There will be no parking on the north side of Prospect Street for a distance of 300 feet westerly from the intersection of Depot Street;
 - x. There will be no parking on south side of Smith Street;
 - y. There will be no parking on the north side of Pleasant Street between Depot and Andover Streets;
 - z. There will be no parking on the east side of Andover Street;
 - aa. There will be no parking on the east side of Elm Street.

- 6.03 Winter Parking: The operator of a motor vehicle is forbidden to stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any of the streets or highways within the Village of Ludlow between the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. between November 1st and the following April 1st of each year.
- 6.04 All Night Parking: It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to park the same on either side of Main Street between Andover Street and Elm Street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- 6.05 Impeding Traffic: The operator of a motor vehicle is forbidden to stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle within the right of way of any of the streets or highways within the Village of Ludlow in such a manner that will interfere with the flow of traffic or interfere with the maintenance of such street or highway.

ARTICLE 7. BICYCLES

- 7.01 It shall be unlawful for a person over then (10) years of age to ride a bicycle on

the sidewalks on Main Street between Elm Street and Andover Street.

- 7.02 Any person that is riding a bicycle upon any sidewalk or other area designated for use by pedestrians, shall not interfere with the pedestrian and shall use due care and caution for the safety of a pedestrian.
- 7.03 It shall be unlawful for a person riding a bicycle to intentionally interfere with any motor vehicle that has the right-of-way on any highway.
- 7.04 The parents or guardians of a minor child may be held responsible for a violation of this Article by such minor child.

ARTICLE 8. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 8.01 No vehicle shall execute a "U" turn at the intersection of Main Street and Depot Street.
- 8.02 No double parking is permitted on any street within the Village streets except where otherwise provided or unless a truck or vehicle delivering merchandise to stores, and then only after permission of the Chief of Police. Said Chief of Police or any Police officer may rescind this permission at any time in order to expedite the moving of vehicular or pedestrian travel, or for the public good.
- 8.03 The parking of trucks with bodies exceeding eight (8) feet in length is prohibited in any diagonal parking area.

ARTICLE 9. PENALTIES

- 9.01 Except as hereinafter provided the fines for the violation of any section of this ordinance will be the same as that which is set forth by the Vermont Traffic Committee for violations that occur under 23 V.S.A. 1007 or 23 V.S.A. 1008, and as may be amended.
- 9.02 Any violation of Article VI, Section 4 (a) will result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each offense.
- 9.03 Any violation of Article VI, Section 3 will result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each offense.
- 9.04 Any violation of Article VI, any section not heretofore mentioned will result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine.
- 9.05 Any fine assessed for a parking violation under Article VI of this ordinance that is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the violation then the amount of the fine will be doubled. Any fine not paid within 60 days of the violation, said violator may be subject to court action.
- 9.06 Any vehicle parked in violation of Article VI may be towed away at the discretion of a police officer at the owner's expense.

ARTICLE 10. SEVERABILITY

- 10.01 If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof.
- 10.02 The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or ineffective.

ARTICLE 11. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- 11.01 No section of this Ordinance shall be construed to supersede or replace any Vermont statute.
- 11.02 This Ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting, and posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places with the Village of Ludlow and published in a newspaper circulating in the Village on a day not more than fourteen (14) days following the date when the Ordinance is adopted.
- 11.03 This Ordinance shall become effective on June 2, 2008, sixty (60) days after the date of its adoption by the Village Board Trustees, unless a petition is filed with the Village Clerk by May 15, 2008, forty-four (44) days after the date of its adoption. The petition should be addressed to the Village Trustees, should be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of this municipality, and should ask for a special meeting to be called on the question of disapproving the ordinance.

Questions about the Ordinance may be directed to the Municipal Manager, Ludlow, Vermont, or by calling telephone number (802) 228-2841.

The foregoing ordinance is hereby re-adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ludlow, Vermont on this 1st day of April, 2008.

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert Gilmore, Chair
David Rose
James Fuller

ARTICLE 11 above is amended on September 3, 2019 to read:

- 11.01 No section of this Ordinance shall be construed to supersede or replace any Vermont statute.
- 11.02 This Ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting, and posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places with the Village of Ludlow and published in a newspaper circulating in the Village on a day not more than fourteen (14) days following the date when the Ordinance is adopted.
- 11.03 This Ordinance shall become effective on November 5, 2019, sixty (60) days after the date of its adoption by the Village Board Trustees, unless a petition is filed with the Village Clerk by October 18, 2019, forty-four (44) days after the date of its adoption. The petition should be addressed to the Village Trustees, should be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of this municipality, and should ask for a special meeting to be called on the question of disapproving the ordinance. Questions about the Ordinance may be directed to the Municipal Manager, Ludlow, Vermont, or by calling telephone number (802) 228-2841.

The foregoing ordinance is hereby re-adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ludlow, Vermont on this third day of September, 2019.

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Robert Gilmore, Chairman
David Rose
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