

Town of Pownal, VT TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

This ordinance is adopted pursuant 24 VSA 2291 (4) and 23 VSA 1008 of the Vermont Statutes. Further definitions, where required shall be taken from Chapter 13 of Title 13 of the Vermont Statutes.

SECTION I

1. A Motor Vehicle shall not be operated on a public, Town or State Aid Highway within the thickly settled part of the Town of Pownal, at a speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour, unless traffic signs conspicuously posted indicated otherwise. Signs shall be conspicuously posted at least two hundred feet ahead of the points in the town where this regulation is effective.
2. Speed zone on US Route 7 and state highway Route 346 in the Town of Pownal shall be the same as posted by the State of Vermont and enforceable under this ordinance.
3. All Motor Vehicles shall keep to the right of the highway on all streets and circular drives and highway islands. All vehicles shall enter, keep to the right and leave to the right unless traffic signs posted indicate otherwise.
4. Every Motor Vehicle before entering the limits of a highway in the Town of Pownal shall be brought to a full stop except when the operator thereof is directed otherwise by a police officer or a traffic regulating sign, device or signal maintained by lawful authority.
5. A Motor Vehicle shall not overtake, pass or attempt to overtake or pass another Motor Vehicle traveling in the same direction when the way ahead is not clear. Nor shall a Motor Vehicle pass or attempt to pass another Motor Vehicle at an intersection, on a hill or a curve, or in a no-passing zone.
6. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a Motor Vehicle to interfere with or break into or pass a funeral procession or into any duly authorized procession or parade unless so directed by a police officer.
7. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a Motor Vehicle to drive such a vehicle within 500 feet of fire apparatus proceeding to or engaged in extinguishing a fire unless directed to do so by a fire department officer or by a police officer.
8. No Motor Vehicle shall be driven over an unprotected hose of a fire department when laid in any street, road, or private driveway to be used at any fire unless or alarm of fire without the consent of the official of the department who is in command.

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9. No Motor Vehicle shall pass or attempt to pass on the right side of any other Motor Vehicle headed in the same direction whether said vehicle is moving or standing unless authorized by a police officer.
10. No Motor Vehicle shall enter a highway when the intersection is posted with a stop sign without coming to a full stop.
11. A person shall not park or leave standing any Motor Vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or improved or the used or traveled part of any highway in the Town of Pownal, so as to interfere with traffic or snow removal on such highway. A Selectman or the Road Foreman of the Town of Pownal or Constable or State Police or Bennington County Sheriff's Department shall cause any Motor Vehicle found to be in violation of this regulation to be removed at the expense of the owner.
12. No Motor Vehicle shall stand or be parked within 10 feet of a highway intersection or 5 feet of private drive or 8 feet of a fire hydrant.
13. No Motor Vehicle shall stand or be parked in a private driveway without the express permission of the owner or his agent. Any police officer that finds a motor vehicle in violation of this ordinance shall cause the same to be removed at the owner's expense.
14. No Motor Vehicle shall be parked at any time so as to obstruct the free passage of any motor vehicle in the same lane of traffic.
15. No Motor Vehicle shall be operated on any town or state aid highway within the Town of Pownal that has not affixed to the windshield in the legal designated area a current inspection sticker unless agriculture exempt.
16. No Motor Vehicle shall be operated on any town or state highway within the Town of Pownal that does not have properly affixed and displayed currently valid registration plates(s) assigned to said vehicle unless agriculture exempt.
17. No person shall operate a Motor Vehicle on any town or state highway within the Town of Pownal without a valid operator's license.
18. No person shall operate a motorcycle on any town or state highway within the Town of Pownal without proper helmet and eye protection as determined by Vermont State Law.
19. No person shall operate a recreational vehicle such as a snowmobile, side by side or ATV (3 or 4 wheels) on any town or state aid highway in the Town of Pownal except

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on the designated open roads: Schenkar Rd. from the intersection of County Rd. to the intersection of Old Military Rd., Old Military Rd. from the intersection of Schenkar Rd. and Old Military Rd. heading south to the Williamstown town line, County Rd. from the point of intersection with Schenkar Rd. to the Stamford town line, Cross Roads from the intersection of Maple Grove Rd. to the intersection of South Stream Rd. to South Stream Rd.

20. The operator of a Motor Vehicle, upon meeting or overtaking a vehicle transporting school children displaying words "school bus" on the front and rear thereof and which has stopped on a highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children shall stop such vehicle immediately and shall keep stationary until such school bus shall resume motion, or until signaled by the driver to proceed, provided a flashing red signal light as required by section 1281 (10) of this title is displayed on the front and rear of such school bus.
21. The operator of a Motor Vehicle must observe the reduced speed limit in a school zone in town or state aid highway within the Town of Pownal when said light is on and flashing.
22. Any parade or public or private function involving limitation or restriction of traffic flow must secure a written permit from the Selectboard or their duly designated official and if deemed necessary by the Selectboard, police assistance shall be supplied by the permittee at his expense.
23. Any officer engaged publically or privately in directing traffic on any town or state aid highway must be qualified as set forth under state regulations.
24. A person violating any of the preceding ordinances related to litter and/or debris shall be fined not less than \$ 250.00 or more than \$ 500.00 for each offense. A person shall be fined \$500.00 for each offense thereafter.
25. A Motor Vehicle transporting garbage, rubbish, brush, sand-gravel-stone or any loose debris over a public highway within the Town of Pownal shall be secured and/or covered at all times.
26. No person shall create any liter nor throw trash, garbage or any other material on any public highway or into any stream or body of water in the Town of Pownal.
27. No person shall operate or allow to be operated at night a bicycle on any highway or street in the Town of Pownal, which is not properly equipped with a front headlight and rear light or reflector.

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28. All bicycles operated in the Town of Pownal shall be operated in single line to the right side of the highway going with traffic and shall be operated in a careful and courteous manner.
29. A person violating any of the proceeding ordinances shall be fined not less than \$ 5.00 or more than \$ 100.00 for each violation.
30. All fines and forfeitures collected or forfeitures of bail of any person charged with any violation of any provision of this ordinance shall ultimately be paid to the Town of Pownal.
31. No person shall construct, erect or place anything of a permanent nature within the town road right-of-way without a permit from the Selectboard or their designee. All obstructions placed on said right-of-way without a permit will be required to be removed at the expense of the property owner. All legal and other expenses will be borne by the property owner.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or void said provision is hereby declared to be separate and entirely severable from this ordinance and all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Any prior ordinances of the Town of Pownal, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Date of Adoption/Amendment : July 8th, 2021

Effective Date : September 2nd, 2021