

## **Title 7**

### **MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

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## **Chapter 7.01**

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#### **7.01.010 Adoption authority**

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1 and Title 24, Chapter 59, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED, and the Charter of the Town of Essex, the Legislative body of the Town of Essex hereby ordains that the following Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Essex and is designated as a civil ordinance.
- B. The adoption of this ordinance shall not affect prosecution for violations committed prior to the effective date of this ordinance, does not waive any fee or penalty due or not paid on the effective date and does not affect the validity of any bond, letter of credit or cash deposit posted, filed or deposited pursuant to the requirements of any other ordinance.

#### **7.01.020 Purpose**

- A. In the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Essex, this ordinance is adopted to establish special traffic and parking regulations on the public highways within the Town of Essex, Vermont.

#### **7.01.030 Definitions**

- A. Word and/ or phrases when used in the ordinance shall, for purposes of this ordinance, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein, except when the context otherwise requires.
- B. Whenever any words and/ or phrases used herein are not defined, but are defined in the state statute regulating the operation of vehicles, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words or phrases used herein, except when the context otherwise requires.

- C. The definitions of Title 23, section 4, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **7.01.040 Enforcement**

- A. This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by enforcement officials in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with Title 24, Chapter 59 and Title 23, Chapter 13, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED.

#### **7.01.050 Violations – Penalties**

- A. Any person who violates any provision of this Title 7, Chapters 7.04 through 7.16 shall be considered to have committed a civil traffic violation that falls under the jurisdiction of the Vermont Judicial Bureau and penalties shall be assessed according to the Judicial Bureau Waiver Penalty schedule of fines in effect at the time of the violation, as the same shall be amended from time to time.

#### **7.01.060 Severability**

- A. If any portion of this ordinance and any amendments hereto are found unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance and amendments made hereto shall not be affected by such finding, and shall remain in full force and effect. If any statute referred to in this ordinance shall be amended this ordinance shall be deemed to refer to such statute as amended.

### **CHAPTER 7.02**

[Reserved]

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### **Chapter 7.04**

#### **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNS**

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#### **7.04.010 Traffic Control Signals – Meaning**

- A. Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting the words “Go,” “Caution,” or “Stop,” or exhibiting different colored lights or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the following colors shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said terms and lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:
- B. Steady green signal:
  - a. Vehicular traffic facing the signal, except when prohibited by law from passing a stopped school bus, may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. Vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles or to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or on an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
  - b. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- C. Steady yellow signal:
  - a. Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that a red signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter, and such vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection.
  - b. Pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal, are advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red signal is shown, and no pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway.
- D. Steady red signal:
  - a. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop at a clearly marked stop line and / or before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, but if none, then before entering the intersection.
  - b. Except when a sign or signal is in place prohibiting a turn, vehicular traffic facing any steady red signal may cautiously enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street, after stopping as required in subsection (a). This traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection. No motorist shall turn right when

facing a red arrow signal indication unless a regulatory sign is present which permits the movement.

- c. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal, no pedestrian facing the signal alone shall enter the roadway.

E. Red with green arrow:

- a. Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

F. Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

- a. Flashing red: When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or, if none, before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign. This section does not apply to railroad grade crossings.
- b. Flashing yellow: When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed only with caution.

**7.04.020 Traffic Control Signals – Location**

A. Permanent traffic-control lights now or hereafter located and in operation at the following intersections are authorized to continue in use and operation:

	<b><u>STREET NAME</u></b>	<b><u>INTERSECTING STREET(s)</u></b>
1.	Allen Martin Drive	Jericho Road (VT-15); <i>** effective upon completion</i>
2.	Billie Butler Drive	Upper Main Street (VT-15);
3.	Blair Road	Susie Wilson Bypass, Kellogg Road, Susie Wilson Road;
4.	Browns River Road (VT-128)	Center Road (VT-15), Towers Road and Jericho Road (VT-15);
5.	Center Road (VT-15)	Old Stage Road, Upper Main Street (VT-15), Commonwealth Avenue;
6.	Center Road (VT-15)	Essex Way;
7.	Center Road (VT-15)	Essex Shopping Center (90 Center Road), residence at 95 Center Road;
8.	Center Road (VT-15)	Towers Road, Browns River Road (VT-128), Jericho Road (VT -15);

9.	Circumferential Highway (VT-289) Exit 7 westbound	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
10.	Circumferential Highway (VT-289) Exit 9 east/westbound	Upper Main Street (VT-15);
11.	Circumferential Highway (VT-289) Exit 10 east/westbound	1. Essex Way;
12.	Circumferential Highway (VT-289) Exit 12 eastbound	River Road (VT-117);
13.	Commonwealth Avenue	Center Road (VT-15), Old Stage Road, Upper Main Street (VT-15);
14.	Colchester Road (VT-2A)	Susie Wilson Bypass, Circumferential Highway (VT-289) (7 entrance ramp);
15.	Colchester Road (VT 2A)	Circumferential Highway (VT-289) - exit ramp at 7;
16.	Essex Way	Circumferential Highway (VT-289) - entrance / exit ramps at 10;
17.	Essex Way	Center Road (VT-15);
18.	Ethan Allen Avenue	Fort Parkway (VT-15);
19.	Fort Parkway (VT-15)	Ethan Allen Avenue;
20.	Fort Parkway (VT-15)	Pearl Street, Susie Wilson Road;
21.	Gauthier Drive	Kellogg Road, Morse Drive;
22.	Jericho Road (VT15)	Browns River Road (VT-128), Center Road (VT-15), Towers Road;
23.	Jericho Road (VT-15)	Sand Hill Road <i>**effective upon completion;</i>
24.	Jericho Road (VT-15)	Allen Martin Drive <i>**effective upon completion;</i>
25.	Joshua Way	Susie Wilson Road, Sunderland Way;
26.	Kellogg Road	Susie Wilson Road, Blair Road, Susie Wilson Bypass;
27.	Kellogg Road	Morse Drive, Gauthier Drive;
28.	Kellogg Road	New England Drive;
29.	Morse Drive	Kellogg Road, Gauthier Drive;
30.	New England Drive	Kellogg Road;
31.	Old Stage Road	Upper Main Street (VT-15), Commonwealth Avenue, Center Road (VT-15);
32.	Pinecrest Drive	Susie Wilson Road; 10 Susie Wilson Road;
33.	River Road (VT-117)	Sand Hill Road;
34.	Sunderland Way	Susie Wilson Road, Joshua Way;
35.	Sand Hill Road	Jericho Road; <i>**effective upon completion</i>
36.	Susie Wilson Bypass	Kellogg Road; Susie Wilson Road, Blair Road,
37.	Susie Wilson Road	Fort Parkway (VT-15), Pearl Street;
38.	Susie Wilson Road	Joshua Way, Sunderland Way;
39.	Susie Wilson Road	Pinecrest Drive; 10 Susie Wilson Road;
40.	Susie Wilson Road	Market Place, David Drive;

41.	Susie Wilson Road	Blair Road, Susie Wilson Bypass, Kellogg Road;
42.	10 Susie Wilson Road	Susie Wilson Road, Pinecrest Drive;
43.	Towers Road	Center Road (VT-15), Jericho Road (VT-15), Browns River Road (VT-128);
44.	Upper Main Street (VT-15)	Circumferential Highway (VT-289) entrance / exit ramps eastbound and westbound at 9;
45.	Upper Main Street (VT-15)	Billie Butler Road / 72 Upper Main Street;
46.	Upper Main Street (VT-15)	Old Stage Road, Commonwealth Avenue, Center Road (VT-15).

#### 7.04.030 Additional traffic-control devices

- A. Other traffic-control devices of a mobile or portable nature may temporarily be utilized by the police, fire and public works departments for emergency situations as they deem necessary.

#### 7.04.040 Stop signs—Locations designated

- A. The following streets, avenues and roads shall have erected thereon stop signs to control the traffic as stated below. All vehicles, motorcycles and other forms of common conveyance shall be caused to come to a full stop by the operators thereof in obedience to the traffic-control signs. Such vehicles shall not proceed from the stop position until the road onto which it is proceeding is clear.

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>INTERSECTING STREET(S)</u>
1. Abare Avenue	Susie Wilson Road;
2. Abare Avenue	Damon Drive;
3. Alder Lane	Browns River Road (VT-128);
4. Alder Lane	Jericho Road (VT-15);
5. Alderbrook Road	Greenbriar Drive;
6. Allen Martin Drive	Jericho Road (VT-15) (East / Westbound);
7. Allen Martin Parkway	Sand Hill Road;
8. Andrew Avenue	Gauthier Drive;
9. Baker Street	Greenfield Road;
10. Baker Street	Logwood Circle;
11. Bashaw Drive	Sydney Drive (East and West);
12. Billie Butler Drive	Billie Butler Drive; Carmichael Street;
13. Billie Butler Drive	Carmichael Street (South);
14. Blackberry Lane	Bobolink Circle;
15. Blair Road	Pioneer Street;
16. Blair Road	Susie Wilson Road;
17. Bluestem Road	Clover Drive;
18. Bluestem Road	Cedar Street;
19. Bixby Hill Road	Browns River Road (VT-128);
20. Bobolink Circle	Clover Drive (North and South);

21. Brigham Hill Lane	Brigham Hill Road;
22. Brigham Hill Road	Old Stage Road;
23. Bushey Lane	Gauthier Drive;
24. Butternut Court	Margaret Street;
25. Button Drive	Jackson Heights;
26. Button Drive	Pioneer Street;
27. Cabot Drive	Old Stage Road;
28. Cabot Drive	Chelsea Road;
29. Carmichael Street	Billie Butler Drive;
30. Carmichael Street	Essex Way;
31. Carmichael Street	Commonwealth Avenue (North and *South) <i>*effective upon</i>
	<i>acceptance;</i>
32. Catella Road	Osgood Hill Road;
33. Cavendish Court	Peacham Lane;
34. Cavendish Court	Weathersfield Bow;
35. Cedar Court	Cedar Street;
36. Cedar Street	Clover Drive;
37. Cemetery Road	Sand Hill Road;
38. Chapin Road	Towers Road;
39. Chase Court	Jericho Road (VT-15);
40. Chelsea Road	Cabot Drive;
41. Cindy Lane	Tanglewood Drive;
42. Circle Drive	Jericho Road (VT-15);
43. Clara Hill Lane	Sand Hill Road;
44. Clover Drive	Towers Road;
45. Colbert Street	Abare Avenue;
46. Colbert Street	Blair Road;
47. Colonel Page Road	Old Stage Road;
48. Colonel Page Road	Chapin Road;
49. Commonwealth Avenue	Carmichael Street (East and West) <i>*effective upon</i>
	<i>acceptance;</i>
50. Corporate Drive	Allen Martin Drive;
51. Craftsbury Court	Cabot Drive;
52. Craftsbury Court	Old Stage Road;
53. Creek Road	Rustic Drive;
54. Creek Road	Wildwood Drive;
55. Crestview Road	Drury Drive;
56. Dalton Drive	Dalton Drive;
57. Dalton Drive	Ethan Allen Avenue;
58. Damon Drive	Prescott Street;
59. Dartmoor Court	Hampshire Court;
60. David Drive	Susie Wilson Road;
61. Debra Drive	Sydney Drive (East and West);

62. Deer Crossing Lane	Saxon Hill Road;
63. Devon Hill Court	Southdown Court;
64. Discovery Road	Lamore Road;
65. Doon Way	South Street;
66. Douglas Road	Towers Road;
67. Essex Commons	Jericho Road (VT-15)
68. Essex Highlands	Weed Road;
69. Essex Way	Stannard Drive;
70. Essex Way	Lang Drive;
71. Ethan Allen Avenue	Dalton Drive (Westbound);
72. Evergreen Drive	Stonebrook Circle (North and South) *effective upon acceptance;
73. Ewing Place	Susie Wilson Road;
74. Fern Hollow Road	Tanglewood Drive;
75. Fox Run Road	Weathersfield Bow;
76. Fleury Road	Towers Road;
77. Forest Road	Skyline Drive;
78. Foster Road	Sand Hill Road;
79. Founders Road	Sand Hill Road;
80. Freeman Woods	Essex Way;
81. Frederick Road	Lamell Avenue;
82. Gardenside Lane	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
83. Gentes Road	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
84. Gentes Road	Lamore Road (North and South);
85. Glenwood Drive	Tanglewood Drive (East and West);
86. Goodrich Lane	Brigham Hill Road;
87. Greenbriar Drive	Sand Hill Road;
88. Greenbriar Drive	Alderbrook Road (North and South);
89. Greenfield Road Extension	Greenbriar Drive;
90. Greenfield Road Extension	Greenfield Road;
91. Greenfield Road	River Road (VT-117);
92. Greenfield Court	Greenfield Road;
93. Griffin Lane	Gardenside Lane;
94. Griffin Lane	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
95. Hagan Drive	Lang Drive;
96. Hampshire Court	Suffolk Lane;
97. Hanley Lane	Osgood Hill Road;
98. Heatherbush Road	Valleyview Drive;
99. Heatherbush Road	Timberlane Drive;
100. Hickory Lane	Allen Martin Parkway;
101. Hickory Lane	Sage Circle;
102. High View Drive	Lamore Road;
103. Hillside Circle	Saxon Hollow Drive (North and South);

104. Indian Brook Road	Old Stage Road;
105. Ira Allen Drive	Pioneer Street;
106. Ira Allen Drive	Jackson Heights;
107. Irene Avenue	Browns River Road (VT-128);
108. Irene Avenue	Marion Avenue;
109. Iris Street	Bixby Hill Road;
110. Iris Street	Bobolink Circle;
111. Jackson Heights	Pioneer Street;
112. Jackson Heights	Pinecrest Drive;
113. Jackson Street	Jackson Street;
114. Joseph Lane	Thomas Lane;
115. Joshua Way	Pinecrest Drive;
116. Kimberly Drive	Pinecrest Drive;
117. Kurk Drive	Pinewood Drive;
118. Lamell Avenue	Richard Street;
119. Lamoille Street	East Street;
120. Lamore Road	Gentes Road;
121. Landfill Road	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
122. Lang Drive	Essex Way;
123. Lang Drive	Hagan Drive;
124. Lang Farm Center	Essex Way;
125. Lasalle Road	Margaret Street;
126. Lasalle Road	Sand Hill Road;
127. Laurel Drive	Allen Martin Parkway;
128. Laurel Drive	Laurel Drive;
129. Lavigne Road	Sand Hill Road;
130. Leo Drive	Jericho Road (VT-15);
131. Lida Drive	Lang Drive;
132. Lida Drive	Repa Drive;
133. Lilac Lane	Jericho Road (VT-15);
134. Linden Lane	Glenwood Drive;
135. Locust Lane	Hubbells Falls Drive;
136. Locust Lane	Beech Street;
137. Logwood Circle	Greenbriar Drive;
138. Logwood Circle	Logwood Circle;
139. Londonderry Lane	Center Road (VT-15);
140. Londonderry Lane	Chelsea Road;
141. Lost Nation Road	Discovery Road;
142. Lost Nation Road	Old Stage Road;
143. Maplelawn Drive	Sand Hill Road (North and South);
144. Margaret Street	Sand Hill Road;
145. Marion Avenue	Irene Avenue;
146. Marion Avenue	Frederick Road;

147. Market Place	Pinecrest Drive;
148. Market Place	Susie Wilson Road;
149. McGee Road	Lost Nation Road;
150. Naylor Road	Weed Road;
151. Naylor Road	Jericho Road (VT-15);
152. New England Drive	Gauthier Drive;
153. North Hillcrest Road	Hillcrest Road;
154. North Williston Road	River Road (VT-117);
155. Oakwood Lane	Tanglewood Drive;
156. Old Colchester Road	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
157. Old Pump Road	Old Pump Road (East and West);
158. Oliver Wight Drive	Allen Martin Drive;
159. Orleans Road	Upper Main Street (VT-15) *effective upon completion;
160. Orleans Road	Juniper Ridge Road *effective upon completion;
161. Osgood Hill Road	Browns River Road (VT-128);
162. Parizo Drive	Pinecrest Drive;
163. Patricia Place	Margaret Street;
164. Partridge Drive	Allen Martin Parkway;
165. Partridge Drive	Partridge Drive;
166. Peacham Lane	Willoughby Drive;
167. Peacham Lane	Old Stage Road;
168. Peacham Lane	Peacham Lane;
169. Perkins Drive	River View Drive (North and South);
170. Perry Drive	Lavigne Road;
171. Pettingill Road	Browns River Road (VT-128);
172. Pinecrest Drive	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
173. Pinewood Drive	River Road (VT-117);
174. Pinewood Drive	Valleyview Drive;
175. Pioneer Street	Abare Avenue;
176. Pioneer Street	Pinecrest Drive;
177. Prescott Street	Abare Avenue;
178. Pool Road	Sand Hill Road;
179. Pomfret Lane	Fox Run Road;
180. Raymond Drive	Winterlane Circle;
181. Raymond Drive	River View Drive;
182. Red Pine Circle	Thompson Drive; <i>*effective upon acceptance;</i>
183. Repa Drive	Essex Way;
184. Repa Drive	Hagan Drive;
185. Richard Street	Jericho Road (VT-15);
186. Ridge Road	Skyline Drive;
187. Ridge Road	Valleyview Drive;
188. River View Drive	Pinewood Drive (North and South);
189. Ronald Court	Lamell Avenue;

190. Rosewood Trail	Tanglewood Drive;
191. Royal Park	Pinecrest Drive;
192. Rustic Drive	Forest Road;
193. Sage Circle	Butternut Court;
194. Sand Hill Road	Jericho Road (VT-15) (East and West); * <i>deleted upon completion of traffic signals;</i>
195. Sand Hill Road	Allen Martin Drive (North and South); * <i>deleted upon completion of traffic signals;</i>
196. Sand Hill Road	River Road (VT-117);
197. Sand Hill Road -Northbound	Sand Hill Road;
198. Sand Hill Road- Southbound	Sand Hill Road; Allen Martin Drive;
199. Saybrook Road	Center Road (VT-15);
200. Sawmill Road	Sawmill Road (North and South);
201. Saxon Hill Road	Jericho Road (VT-15);
202. Saxon Hollow Drive	Allen Martin Parkway;
203. Saxon Hollow Drive	Greenbriar Drive;
204. Skyline Drive	Forest Road;
205. Skyline Drive	Valleyview Drive;
206. Sleepy Hollow Road	Weed Road;
207. Southdown Court	Suffolk Lane;
208. Stannard Drive	Essex Way (North and South);
209. Stanton Drive	River Street;
210. Stearns Avenue	Jackson Heights;
211. Stearns Avenue	Pioneer Street;
212. Steeplebush Road	Bobolink Circle;
213. Steeplebush Road	Cedar Street;
214. Stonebrook Circle	Windridge Road;
215. Suffolk Lane	Pinecrest Drive (East and West);
216. Sunset Drive	Center Road (VT-15);
217. Tanglewood Drive	Sand Hill Road;
218. Thistle Lane	Fox Run Road;
219. Thomas Lane	Browns River Road (VT-128);
220. Thomas Lane	Thomas Lane;
221. Thompson Drive	Allen Martin Drive;
222. Towers Road	Old Stage Road;
223. Towers Road Extension	Old Stage Road;
224. Turcotte Road	Gauthier Drive;
225. Vale Drive	Countryside Drive;
226. Vale Drive	Brickyard Road;
227. Valleyview Drive	River Road (VT-117);
228. Valleyview Drive	Windridge Road;
229. Washington Circle	Orleans Road (North and South); * <i>effective upon acceptance</i>
230. Walden Woods	Indian Brook Road;

231. Weathersfield Bow	Willoughby Drive;
232. Weed Road	Browns River Road (VT-128);
233. Weed Road	Jericho Road (VT-15);
234. West Sleepy Hollow Road	Browns River Road (VT-128);
235. Whitcomb Meadows Lane	Jericho Road (VT-15);
236. Whitetail Lane	Deer Crossing Lane;
237. Wildwood Drive	Forest Road;
238. Willoughby Drive	Old Stage Road;
239. Windridge Road	Wildwood Drive;
240. Winterlane Circle	Timberlane Drive;
241. Wolfe Drive	River View Drive;
242. Woodlawn Court	Woodlawn Drive;
243. Woodlawn Drive	Tanglewood Drive;

**7.04.050 Yield signs—Locations designated**

- A. The following streets, avenues and roads shall have erected thereon yield signs so as to control the traffic as stated below. All vehicles, motorcycles and other forms of common conveyance shall yield to all traffic and assure that the way is clear of all motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians before entering the following streets or highways, when a yield sign so indicating is installed:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>INTERSECTING STREET</u>
1. Billie Butler Drive	Upper Main Street (VT-15);
2. Carmichael Street	Billie Butler Drive (west side of triangle);
3. Dalton Drive	Ethan Allen Avenue;
4. Lamore Road	Lost Nation Road;
5. Lost Nation Road	Curve Hill Road, Lost Nation Road;
6. Kellogg Road	Susie Wilson Road (southbound);
7. Osgood Hill Road	Osgood Hill Road at the triangle.

**Chapter 7.08**

**ONE-WAY STREETS AND TURNING MOVEMENTS**

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**7.08.020 Do Not Enter**

**7.08.030 Passing on One-Way Street; Marked Lanes**

**7.08.040 Turning restrictions—Locations**

**7.08.050 Bicycle path use restrictions**

\*Prior ordinance history: Ordinances passed 5/15/89, 11/20/95, 6/17/96, 6/10/99, 6/7/21.

### 7.08.010 One-Way Streets

A. The following streets are hereby designated as one-way streets, and all traffic and travel thereon, except pedestrians, shall pass in the directions indicated, and not otherwise.

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>STARTING POINT</u>	<u>ENDING POINT</u>
1. Billie Butler Drive	Upper Main Street (VT-15)	Carmichael Street;
2. Billie Butler Drive	Carmichael Street	Upper Main Street (VT-15);
3. Lavigne Road	Perry Drive	Sand Hill Road;
4. Perry Drive	Jericho Road (VT-15)	Lavigne Road.

### 7.08.020 Do Not Enter

A. The following streets are hereby designated as “Do Not Enter” and all traffic and travel thereon shall not pass.

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>INTERSECTION STREET</u>
1. Griffin Lane	Colchester Road (VT-2A);
2. Lavigne Road	Sand Hill Road;
3. Sand Hill Road	Jericho Road (VT-15) west intersection;
4. Susie Wilson Road	Susie Wilson Bypass.

### 7.08.030 Passing on One-Way Street; Marked Lanes

- A. On the streets and roads in the Town of Essex designated as one-way traffic, and on those streets and roads where, by appropriate pavement, street markings or signs more than one lane of traffic is designated in the same direction, it shall become lawful to overtake and pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction on either side thereof. The operator of any such vehicle, upon any such street shall, before turning their vehicle from one traffic lane into another traffic lane, indicate by hand signal or directional light their intentions so to do, and shall turn into the other lane only after using due care and caution to avoid accidents.
- B. Where traffic lanes are so marked to indicate their use for a right turn only, left turn only, through traffic only, or a combination of the above of same, no person shall operate a vehicle except in the direction so indicated by such markings.

### 7.08.040 Turning restrictions—Locations

A. No vehicle of any type, motorcycle, or other form of common conveyance, shall make left-hand turns from:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>INTERSECTING STREET</u>
a. Griffin Lane	Colchester Road (VT-2A);

b. Sand Hill Road Jericho Road (VT-15) eastern intersection;

B. No vehicle of any type, motorcycle, or other form of common conveyance, shall make any turns on red traffic signals at:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>INTERSECTING STREET</u>
a. Susie Wilson Road	Fort Parkway (VT-15).

C. No vehicle of any type, motorcycle, or other form of common conveyance, shall turn on a red traffic signal when an illuminated sign indicating “No Turn on Red” symbol is displayed to drivers at the following intersections:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>INTERSECTING STREET</u>
a. Browns River Road (VT-128)	Towers Road;
b. Center Road (VT-15)	Essex Way;
c. Center Road (VT-15)	90 Center Road;
d. Center Road (VT-15)	Jericho Road (VT-15);
e. Center Road (VT-15)	Commonwealth Road, Old Stage Road;
f. 90 Center Road	Center Road (VT-15);
g. Commonwealth Road	Center Road;
h. David Drive	Susie Wilson Road;
i. Essex Way	Center Road (VT-15);
j. Jericho Road (VT-15)	Browns River Road (VT-128);
k. Joshua Way	Susie Wilson Road;
l. Market Place	Susie Wilson Road;
m. Old Stage Road	Upper Main Street (VT-15);
n. Pinecrest Drive	Susie Wilson Road;
o. Susie Wilson Bypass	Kellogg Road;
p. Susie Wilson Road	David Drive;
q. Susie Wilson Road	135 Sunderland Way;
r. Susie Wilson Road	Sunderland Way;
s. Susie Wilson Road	Market Place;
t. Susie Wilson Road	Joshua Way;
u. Susie Wilson Road	Pinecrest Drive;
v. Sunderland Way	Susie Wilson Road;
w. 10 Sunderland Way	Susie Wilson Road
x. Towers Road	Center Road (VT-15);
y. Upper Main Street (VT-15)	Billie Butler Drive;
z. Upper Main Street (VT-15)	Commonwealth Road.

E. No vehicle of any type, motorcycle, or other form of common conveyance, shall make U Turns at:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>INTERSECTION STREET</u>
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- a. Fort Parkway (VT-15) westbound Ethan Allen Avenue;

**7.08.050 Bicycle path use restrictions**

- A. No motor vehicle of any type shall be within all areas designated as a bicycle lane, multi-use recreation path or sidewalk.

**Chapter 7.12**

**SPEED LIMITS**

**Sections:**

**7.12.010 Twenty-five Miles per Hour Speed Limit**

**7.12.020 Speed Limits above 25 Miles per Hour**

**7.12.030 Exemptions for emergency vehicles**

**7.12.040 Penalties**

\*Prior ordinance history: Ordinances passed 4/17/72, 5/15/89, 5/4/92, 11/1/93, 3/20/95, 11/20/95, 6/3/96, 6/17/96, 12/16/96, 12/97, 9/1/98, 9/10/01, 1/27/03, 1/19/09, 1/10/11, 6/7/21.

**7.12.010 Twenty-five Miles per Hour Speed Limit**

- A. No vehicle of any type, motorcycle, or other form of common conveyance, shall be operated at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour on any road in the Town of Essex except as provided in section 7.12.020.

**7.12.020 Speed Limits above Twenty-five Miles per Hour**

- A. No vehicle of any type, motorcycle, or other form of common conveyance, shall be operated at a speed in excess of that listed below and posted on the streets and roads named:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>STARTING POINT</u>	<u>ENDING POINT</u>	<u>SPEED LIMIT</u>
Allen Martin Drive	Sand Hill Road	Jericho Road (VT-15)	35
Allen Martin Parkway	Sand Hill Road	To the End of Road	30
Browns River Road (VT-128)	Jericho Road (VT-15)	0.15± miles N of Bixby Hill Road	30
Browns River Road (VT-128)	.15± miles N of Bixby Hill Road	0.55± miles S of Weed Road	40
Browns River Road (VT-128)	0.55± miles S of Weed Road	Westford Town Line	50
Brigham Hill Road	Old Stage Road	Colchester Town Line	30

Center Road (VT-15)	Old Stage Road	0.10± miles W of Sunset Drive	40
Center Road (VT-15)	.10± W of Sunset Drive	Jericho Road (VT-15)	35
Chapin Road	Towers Road	Westford Town Line	35
Cilley Hill Road	Jericho Town Line	Westford Town Line	30
Circumferential Highway (VT-289)	Colchester Road (VT-2A)	River Road (VT-117)	50
Clover Drive	Towers Road	To cul de sac	30
Colchester Road (VT-2A)	Village Limits	0.062 ± miles North of Village Limits	35
Colchester Road (VT-2A)	0.62± miles N of Village limits	0.14± miles North of Gentes Road	40
Colchester Road (VT-2A)	0.14± miles N of Gentes Road	Colchester Town line	50
Corporate Drive	Allen Martin Drive	To the end of road	35
Curve Hill Road	Lost Nation Road	Colchester Town Line	30
Discovery Road	Lamore Road	Lost Nation Road	35
Essex Way	Center Road (VT-15)	Lang Drive	35
Essex Way	Lang Drive	Sydney Drive	30
Fort Parkway (V-15) EB	Colchester Town Line	Susie Wilson Road	45
Fort Parkway (VT-15) WB	Susie Wilson Road	Colchester Town Line	45
Gauthier Drive	Kellogg Road	To cul de sac	30
Gentes Road	Colchester Road (VT-2A)	Colchester Town Line	35
Jericho Road (VT -15)	Center Road (VT-15)	0.15± miles E of Sand Hill Road	35
Jericho Road (VT -15)	0.15± miles E of Sand Hill Road	0.12± mi E of Whitcomb Meadows Lane	40
Jericho Road (VT -15)	0.12± miles E of Whitcomb Meadows Lane	Jericho town line	50
Kellogg Road	Susie Wilson Road	450± ft W of Gauthier Drive	30
Kellogg Road	450± ft W of Gauthier Drive	Colchester Town Line	35
Lamore Road	Gentes Road	Lost Nation Road	35
Lincoln Street	0.043 ± mi N of North Street	Village limits	35
Lost Nation Road	Old Stage Road	To end of road	35
Naylor Road	Jericho Road (VT-15)	Weed Road	30
New England Drive	Kellogg Road	Gauthier Drive	30
North Williston Road	River Road (VT-117)	Williston Town Line	30
Old Pump Road	Sleepy Hollow Road	Jericho Town Line	30
Old Stage Road	Center Road (VT-15)	400± ft N of Willoughby Drive	30
Old Stage Road	400ft N of Willoughby Drive	Westford Town Line	40
Osgood Hill Road	Browns River Road (VT-128)	Westford Town Line	35
Pearl Street (VT-15) EB	Susie Wilson Road	Essex Junction Village Limits	45
Pettingill Road	Browns River Road (VT-128)	Westford Town Line	30
Pinecrest Drive	Susie Wilson Road	Colchester Road (VT-2A)	30
Pinewood Drive	River Road (VT-117)	Valleyview Drive	35
River Road (VT-117)	Village Limits	0.20± miles E of Sand Hill Rd	40

River Road (VT-117)	0.20± miles East of Sand Hill Rd	0.20± miles E of North Williston Rd	45
River Road (VT-117)	0.20± miles E of N. Williston Rd.	Jericho Town line	50
River Street	Park Street (VT-2A)	Robinson Parkway	35
Sand Hill Road	Jericho Road (VT-15)	700±ft N of Founders Road	30
Sand Hill Road	1300±FT S of Founders Road	Allen Martin Drive	30
Sand Hill Road	Allen Martin Drive	River Road (VT-117)	35
Sawmill Road	Jericho Town line	End of Road	30
Saxon Hill Road	Jericho Road (VT-15)	Deer Crossing Lane	30
Susie Wilson Road	Pearl Street (VT-15)	Susie Wilson Bypass	35
Susie Wilson Bypass	Susie Wilson Road	Colchester Road (VT-2A)	40
Thompson Drive	Allen Martin Drive	To the end of road	35
Towers Road	Center Road (VT-15)	Clover Drive	30
Towers Road	Clover Drive	Old Stage Road	40
Upper Main Street (VT-15)	Village Limits	Old Stage Road	40
Weed Road	Jericho Road (VT-15)	Browns River Road (Route 127)	35
Willoughby Drive	Old Stage Road	Pomfret Lane	30

### 7.12.030 Exemptions for emergency vehicles

- A. Drivers of authorized emergency vehicles are exempt from the provisions of this chapter as set forth in Title 23, section 1015, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED.

## Chapter 7.16

### WEIGHT LIMITS AND CONTROL OF THRU-TRUCK TRAFFIC

#### Sections:

**7.16.010 No Overweight Permits issued**

**7.16.020 Annual Overweight Permits - issued**

**7.16.025 Annual Overweight Permit - limitations**

**7.16.030 Overweight Permit - exclusions**

**7.16.040 Posting of permitted legal load limit**

**7.16.045 Posting for "No Thru Truck Traffic"**

**7.16.050 Weight Restrictions – Registered weight**

**7.16.060 Overweight violations - Penalties**

\*Prior ordinance history: Ordinances passed 5/15/89, 4/15/91, 2/6/95, 9/1/98, 6/10/99, 10/4/99, 6/7/21.

#### **7.16.010 No Overweight Permits Issued**

- A. No vehicle or other form of common conveyance shall operate on Gentes Road Bridge at a weight in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds and no overweight permits will be issued for Gentes Road Bridge in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds.

#### **7.16.020 Annual Overweight Permits – Issued**

- A. No vehicle or other form of common conveyance shall operate on any Class 2, 3 or 4 Town Street, highway or bridge at a weight in excess of twenty-four thousand pounds, without an overweight permit issued by the town, except as excluded under Section 7.16.030.

#### **7.16.025 Annual Overweight permits – Limitations**

- A. The town may issue annual overweight permits for all Class 2, 3 and 4 town highways, streets and bridges with limited use restrictions as determined by the manager, the director of public works, or a designated representative of either official.
- B. Town overweight permits shall only be issued up to the legal state limits, as set forth in Title 23, Subchapter 15, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED.
- C. All issued overweight permits shall contain a provision limiting vehicles to fifteen thousand pounds (two axle), eighteen thousand pounds (three axle) and twenty thousand pounds (tractor trailer only) on gravel roads during posted seasonal period(s) of weakened structural road conditions (such as mud season).

#### **7.16.030 Overweight Permit - exclusions**

- A. Overweight permits shall not be required for:
  - a. School buses,
  - b. Public agency transportation vehicles,
  - c. Emergency vehicles, or
  - d. Vehicles owned by or performing work for the Town of Essex.
- B. This article shall not apply to tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, motor trucks or any other motor vehicle making deliveries or emergency vehicles. This exemption shall also apply to motor vehicles originating from properties located on such street.
- C. Overweight permits shall not be required for emergency situations recognized by the manager, the director of public works, or a designated representative of either official, or chief of police or, in their absence, the shift supervisor; and vehicles with specific waivers granted by the legislative body, as the best interests of the town may require.

**7.16.040 Posting of permitted legal load limit**

- A. Town roads shall be posted to notify drivers of weight requirements.
- B. Town roads, accessible only from other town roads with similar posted weight limits shall not be required to be signed, since vehicular access to the non-signed roads can only occur over posted (signed) roads.

**7.16.045 Posting for “No Thru Truck Traffic”**

- A. The following roads shall have signs posted with the designation: “No Thru Truck Traffic”:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>STARTING POINT</u>	<u>ENDING POINT</u>
a. Alder Lane	Browns River Road (VT-128)	Jericho Road (VT-15);
b. Osgood Hill Road	Browns River Road (VT-128)	Westford Town Line;
c. Peacham Lane Extension	Old Stage Road	Willoughby Drive;
d. Sand Hill Road	Jericho Road (VT-15)	Allen Martin Drive;
e. Weed Road	Browns River Road (VT-128)	Jericho Road (VT-15).

- B. Exemptions are allowed at the discretion of the public works director or designee.

**7.16.060 Overweight violations – Penalties**

- A. Penalties for violations shall be in accordance with the schedule established by Title 23, section 1391a, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED, Penalties for overweight operation.

**Chapter 7.20**

**PARKING**

**Sections:**

- 7.20.005 Authority**
- 7.20.010 No parking—Both sides of street**
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- 7.20.030 Restricted parking**
- 7.20.040 Winter parking ban - December 1st through April 1st**
- 7.20.050 Abandoned Vehicles**
- 7.20.060 General parking restrictions**
- 7.20.070 Scoff law - Establishment and Maintenance of Scofflaw List**
- 7.20.080 Enforcement**
- 7.20.090 Parking Violations – Penalties**

\*Prior ordinance history: Ordinances passed 5/15/89, 10/5/92, 8/23/93, 12/16/96, 9/1/98, 9/10/01, 9/8/03, 10/4/04, 6/7/21.

### 7.20.005 Authority

- A. Violations of this Chapter 7.20 shall be brought as civil violations pursuant to Title 24, section 1974a, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED.

### 7.20.010 No parking—both sides of street

- A. The following streets are designated no parking on either side of the street right-of-way:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>STARTING / ENDING POINT</u>
a. Alder Lane	the entire length;
b. Allen Martin Parkway	the entire length;
c. Essex Way	Center Road (VT-15) to Lang Drive / Stannard Drive;
d. Ewing Place	Susie Wilson Road to the cul-de-sac;
e. Gauthier Drive	Kellogg Road to Turcotte Drive;
f. Hanley Lane	the entire length;
g. Hillcrest Road	to a point 90± feet south of Prospect Street;
h. Kellogg Road	Susie Wilson Road to the Colchester Town line;
i. Market Place	the entire length;
j. McGee Road	the entire length, except where designated;
k. Morse Drive	to a point 400 ± feet from Kellogg Road;
l. New England Drive	the entire length;
m. Old Colchester Road	Village limits to Colchester Road;
n. Old Stage Road	the entire length;
o. Pinecrest Drive	Susie Wilson Road to Colchester Road (VT-2A);
p. Red Pine Circle	the entire length;
q. Sand Hill Road	From Jericho Road (VT-15) to Allen Martin Drive;
r. Saybrook Road	Center Road (VT-15) to a point 195± feet south);
s. Sleepy Hollow Road	the entire length;
t. Susie Wilson Road	Pearl Street (VT-15) to Susie Wilson Bypass;
u. Susie Wilson Road	Blair Road to the cul-de-sac;
v. Thompson Drive	the entire length, excluding 1508± ft to 2480± ft from Allen Martin Drive on north side of Thompson Drive;
w. Towers Road	Browns River Road (VT-128) to Old Stage Road;
x. West Sleepy Hollow Road	from a point 630±ft south to the cul-de-sac;

### 7.20.020 No parking—Single side of street

- A. The following streets are hereby designated no parking on single side of street:

**STREET NAME      SIDE / STARTING / ENDING POINT**

- a. Dalton Drive      south side, Ethan Allen Avenue to Colchester Town line;
- b. Ethan Allen Avenue      north side, Fort Parkway (VT-15) to Colchester Town line;
- c. Foster Road      north side, 37 Foster Road to and including the cul-de-sac;
- d. Fox Run Road      north side, Pomfret Lane to Thistle Lane.

**7.20.030 RESTRICTED PARKING**

- A. For this section, it shall be prima facie proof the registered owner of the vehicle on record with Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles is a resident of such street.
- B. Nothing in this section shall prevent residents from having family or friends visit.
- C. **Municipal Parking Lots:** No parking shall be permitted in the municipal parking lots between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am. A person who is actively charging their vehicle at a charging station is exempt. However, the exemption does not apply during the winter parking ban, which is from December 1 through April 1.
- D. Vehicles parked as permitted under this section shall be subject to all other parking requirements of this Ordinance.

**7.20.040 WINTER PARKING BAN - December 1st through April 1st**

- A. No person shall park or leave unattended a vehicle of any type on any street, road, or right-of-way in the Town of Essex during the period of December 1st through April 1st of the next year between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. The parking or leaving of any vehicle in violation of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
- B. Exemptions
  - a. Exemptions may be granted by the chief of police or, in their absence, the shift supervisor on duty. All exemptions will be entered into a spreadsheet maintained with police dispatch that will contain:
    - i. The start and end date of the exemption;
    - ii. The street location;
    - iii. The supervisor approving exemption;
    - iv. The make, model and color of vehicle;
    - v. The registration and issuing state;
    - vi. The phone number of the person requesting exemption; and
    - vii. The owner of the vehicle.

**7.20.050 Abandoned Vehicles**

- A. Leaving dismantled, non-operating, unregistered vehicles or trailers within the public right-of-way is prohibited. No person shall leave any partially dismantled, non-operative, wrecked, junked, unregistered vehicle or trailer on any street or highway within the Town of Essex.

#### **7.20.060 General Parking Restrictions**

- A. No operator or driver shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle or other vehicle on any street under any of the following conditions:
  - a. on a sidewalk or bike lane;
  - b. within an intersection;
  - c. on a crosswalk;
  - d. on any railroad tracks;
  - e. any place where official signs prohibit stopping, standing or parking;
  - f. in front of a public or private driveway;
  - g. within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant;
  - h. within any designated fire lane;
  - i. within thirty feet of an intersection with another street or road or designated crosswalk;
  - k. in any manner to impede or obstruct emergency vehicles;
  - l. on a two-way roadway except when the vehicle's right-hand wheels (passenger side of vehicle) are parallel to and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb or if there is no curb, within 12 inches of the edge of the roadway.
  - m. on a one-way roadway except when the vehicle is parallel to and within 12 inches of a curb or, if there is no curb, within 12 inches of the edge of the roadway, in the direction of authorized traffic movement
  - n. in any manner that blocks any intersection, street, lane, or alley identified by cross hatch marks and/or signs that say "Do not block";
  - o. parking or storage of equipment or unregistered vehicles or trailers within the municipality's right-of-way is prohibited;
  - p. in any space specified as reserved for a bus stop;
  - q. in any space specified as handicap w/out a valid permit.

#### **7.20.070 SCOFFLAW -Establishment and Maintenance of Scofflaw List**

- A. The chief of police or designee is hereby authorized to create and maintain a list of all vehicles which have accumulated within the preceding thirty-six months, three or more unpaid parking violations. Before placing any vehicle on said list, the chief of police or designee shall notify the registered owner of this proposed action. The notice will be sent by first class mail or delivered by a designee, to the address on record at the State Department of Motor Vehicles, on forms prescribed and provided by the chief of police and shall:
  - a. describe the year, make and vehicle identification number of the vehicle;
  - b. contain a list of the unpaid tickets and the total amount of accumulated charges; and

- c. provide a warning that unless said charges are paid within fifteen (15) days of the date of the notice, said vehicles will be placed on the scofflaw list forthwith.
- B. Removal and Storage of Vehicles
  - a. Any vehicle which has been placed on the scofflaw list and is parked on any public street or in any other place within the Town of Essex where the parking or leaving of said vehicle is governed by town ordinance may be removed and stored until the charges for all outstanding fines are paid.
- C. Record of Removed Vehicle
  - a. The chief of police and the owner of any public garage to which such vehicle is removed shall keep a record of each vehicle so removed by manufacturer's trade name or make, registration number or vehicle identification number if the vehicle is not registered, registered owner if the vehicle bears Vermont registration, such other descriptive matter as may be necessary to identify such vehicle, and the name and address of any claimant thereof. The chief of police or designee shall, in addition, keep a record showing date of such removal, place to which such removal is made and the reason for such removal. All such records shall be open to public inspection during normal business hours, and the chief of police or designee shall publish in a media forums in the town the record of any vehicle which shall remain unclaimed for a period of five days.
- D. Reclaiming of Vehicle
  - a. Before the owner shall be permitted to reclaim a vehicle, which has been removed, the owner shall:
    - i. Furnish satisfactory evidence to the chief of police or designee and to the owner or person in charge of such public garage of owner's identity and of their ownership of such vehicle;
    - ii. Pay to the police department all charges for removing said vehicle and all charges for the storing or parking thereof, the publication of record of removal and all outstanding fines; and
    - iii. Sign a written receipt acknowledging delivery of said vehicle.
- E. Charges
  - a. No charges made or incurred hereunder shall be in excess of the rate ordinarily charged by the person making such removal or doing such storing or parking, and if such removal, storing or parking is done by the police department, such charges shall not exceed the amount established by the manager.

#### **7.20.080 Enforcement**

- A. Violations of the provisions in this Chapter 7.20 are considered to be civil traffic violations that fall under the jurisdiction of the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with Title 24, sections 1974a and 1977, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED.

- B. State law authorizes the court administrator to refer past-due judgments to a designated collection agency (see Title 4 section 1109(d) and Title 13, section 7171, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED). Persons who fail to pay their fines within 30 days will be sent to a collection agency for collection. In addition, the vehicles of such persons may be placed on the scofflaw list established and maintained pursuant to Section 7.20.080, above.

**7.20.090 Parking Violations – Penalties**

- A. A person who is charged with committing a parking violation shall submit a fine in the amount established under subsection (C) of this section.
- B. It shall be prima facie proof the registered owner, rental agency or company was in control of the vehicle at the time of the violation.
- C. Fines for parking violations will be as follows:

<b>Violations</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Waiver Fine</b>	<b>Civil Penalty</b>
ABANDONED VEHICLE	7.20.050(A)	\$25.00	\$50.00
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE/TRAILER/ EQUIPMENT	7.20.060(A)(o)	\$25.00	\$50.00
BLOCKING INTERSECTION	7.20.060(A)(b)	\$50.00	\$100.00
DO NOT BLOCK- STREET/ALLEY/DRIVEWAY	7.20.060(A)(f/n)	\$50.00	\$100.00
BUS STOP	7.20.060(A)(p)	\$25.00	\$50.00
FIRE HYDRANT	7.20.060(A)(g)	\$50.00	\$100.00
FIRE LANE	7.20.060(A)(h)	\$50.00	\$100.00
HANDICAPPED	7.20.060(A)(q)	\$100.00	\$200.00
NO PARKING -BOTH SIDES OF STREETS	7.20.010(A)	\$25.00	\$50.00
NO PARKING – SINGLE SIDE OF STREET	7.20.020(A)	\$25.00	\$50.00
NO PARKING – SIGNS	7.20.060(A)(e)	\$25.00	\$50.00
TOO CLOSE TO INTERSECTION	7.20.060(A)(i)	\$25.00	\$50.00
VEHICLE ON CROSSWALK	7.20.060(A)(c)	\$50.00	\$100.00
RESTRICTED PARKING	7.20.030	\$25.00	\$50.00
VEHICLE OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALK / BIKE PATH	7.20.060(A)(a)	\$50.00	\$100.00
PARKED LEFT OF CURB	7.20.060(A)(l)	\$25.00	\$50.00
ONE- WAY STREET PARKING	7.20.060(A)(m)	\$25.00	\$50.00
PARKED W/ WHEEL ON TOP OF CURB/ TOO FAR FROM CURB	7.20.060(A)(l)	\$25.00	\$50.00

PARKED ON RAILROAD TRACKS	7.20.060(A)(d)	\$50.00	\$100.00
WINTER PARKING BAN	7.20.040(A)	\$25.00	\$50.00
IMPEDING EMERGENCY VEHICLES	7.20.060(A)(k)	\$150.00	\$300.00

D. Authority to Remove vehicles

- a. The parking or leaving of any vehicle in violation of this Chapter 7.20 is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The chief of police or designee may remove any vehicle parked, or cause it to be removed, at the sole expense of the registered owner of such vehicle.
- b. Any vehicle removed for violating this Chapter 7.20 shall be impounded until lawfully claimed by the owner thereof or legally disposed of.

E. Charges

- a. No charges made or incurred shall be in excess of the rate ordinarily charged by the person making such removal or doing such storing or parking, and if such removal, storing or parking is done by the police department, such charges shall not exceed the amount established by the manager.

**Chapter 7.30**

**CLOSURE OF HIGHWAYS – FLOODING OR OTHER EMERGENCY EVENTS**

**Sections:**

**7.30.010 Persons responsible for closure order**

**7.30.020 Written permission required**

**7.30.030 Prohibited action on closure order**

**7.30.040 Penalties**

**7.30.050 Applicability to other ordinance section**

\*Prior ordinance history: Ordinances passed 9/10/01, 9/01/10, 6/7/21.

**7.30.010 Persons responsible for closure order**

- A. The public works director or chief of police or a designated representative(s) in their absence may order the closure of any town highway when the highway is, or it appears will become unsafe for public travel by virtue of flooding or other emergency events.

**7.30.020 Written permission required**

- A. Except with the written permission of the public works director or chief of police or designated representative(s) in their absence, no person shall drive a vehicle over any highway across which there is a gate or barrier indicating that the highway is closed to public travel.

**7.30.030 Prohibited action on closure order**

- A. After closure, no person shall drive through or around any closed gate or barrier on the highway, open or attempt to remove any such gate or barrier or cause any damage to the gate or barrier.

#### **7.30.040 Penalty for violation**

- A. Any person who violates the provisions of Section 7.30.030 hereof shall be liable for all costs incurred by the town for the repair or replacement costs incurred by the town, including the cost of emergency services or towing made necessary by violation of this ordinance.

#### **7.30.050 Applicability to other ordinance sections**

- A. The foregoing provisions are separate from and in addition to any other ordinance of the Town of Essex or Vermont Statutes regulating traffic or highway use.

### **Chapter 7.40**

#### **SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

##### **Section:**

##### **7.40.010 Authority**

##### **7.40.020 Purpose**

##### **7.40.030 Exceptions to the speed limit – provisions**

##### **7.40.040 Permit to close or obstruct public highway**

\*Prior ordinance history: Ordinances passed 9/10/01, 6/7/21.

##### **7.40.010 Authority**

- A. This ordinance is enacted by the Town of Essex legislative body to promote the public good, health, safety, and welfare of the Town and Title 23, section 1010, VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED, and pursuant to its authority under Sections 103 of the Town Charter.

##### **7.40.020 Purpose of provision**

- A. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate traffic in the event there is a public occasion, maintenance or repair to a town highway or state aid streets and highways to prevent accident or injury to people. The legislative body finds that whenever there is a public occasion or repair or maintenance on a public highway, it appears that traffic will be congested by reason of such events. In order to ensure the public good, the town finds that it is necessary to pass a special regulation set forth in the section below.
- B. The Public Works or Police Departments may close such street to parking of vehicles by causing signs to be posted thereon in conspicuous locations indicating the prohibition of parking and the hours of the ban is in effect.

##### **7.40.030 Exceptions to the speed limit ordinance provisions**

- A. During such time that there is any maintenance, construction or repair to any public highway, the speed limit of such public highway may be changed and/or motor vehicular traffic may be excluded for such public highway and such changes in the speed limit or exclusion of motor vehicles from public highways shall be conspicuously posted near all affected areas.

**7.40.040 Permit to close or obstruct a public highway**

- A. A permit shall be obtained from the town by person or person(s) requesting such closure prior to the closure or obstruction of a highway (excluding the town workforce in the performance of their duties). The town may charge a permit fee or require a financial deposit for services performed by the town relative to terms and conditions of the permit.