

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin has the authority granted in 24, V.S.A. § 1971 and 2291 (1)(4) and (5), the powers to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances to regulate traffic and devices. On August 16, 2017 the Franklin Selectboard approved the amendments to the stop sign and other traffic control devices ordinance for the Town of Franklin. The full text is available for review at the Town Clerk's office, 5167 Main St, Franklin, Vermont as required by V.S.A., Title 24, Section 1972 a concise summary of the ordinance is being published herewith:

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate traffic in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

ARTICLE 4. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Section 4.

Farming activities shall be required to erect caution signage when egressing onto town highways while working croplands to warn vehicles of potential hazards left on the roadways.

ARTICLE 8: PERMITTED USE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY (19 VSA § 1111)

It shall be unlawful to deposit materials of any kind within or to in any way affect the grade of a highway right-of-way, or obstruct a ditch, culvert or drainage course that drains a highway so as to divert the flow of water from the highway surface.

ARTICLE 9: PUTTING GLASS, OTHER ITEMS, ON HIGHWAY PROHIBITED. (23 VSA §1126)

No person shall drop or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon the highway. A person shall immediately remove or cause to be removed any destructive or injurious material which he drops or deposits, or permits to be dropped or deposited upon any highway. In the event that farm equipment deposits amounts of any substance such as soil, manure, fertilizer or feed on the road surface it must be removed and cleared within 24 hours of being deposited or sooner at the discretion of the road foreman. If not cleared within 24 hours the Town Highway Crew may take measures to clean up such roads and will bill the responsible party for such services and may impose civil penalties upon the responsible party of \$100.00 for each violation as per the Statute.

This ordinance shall take effect 60 days (October 16, 2017) following adoption by the selectboard, unless five percent of the voters petition the legislative body of the clerk of the municipality within 45 days of August 16, 2017 for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance. You may call Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk at 285-2101 with any questions concerning the above ordinance.