

**ORDINANCE #**

***Town of Goffstown***

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Goffstown ordain as follows:

- I. **TITLE:** This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “SPEED LIMIT ON TOWN ROADS” ordinance of the Town of Goffstown.
- II. **AUTHORITY:** 31:39 I (G), 41:14-b Adoption and Amendment of Town Codes and Ordinances, 265:9 Obedience to any Required Traffic Control Devices
- III. **DECLARATION OF PURPOSE:** In order to promote a safer and more orderly flow of traffic and safety for pedestrians, cyclists and others on and around the roadways in the Town of Goffstown, the speed limit on Town roads shall be 30 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted or unless specifically exempted/excluded as outlined in this ordinance.
- IV. **DEFINITION:**
  - A. SPEED LIMIT- No person shall drive a vehicle on any Town road at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions, having due regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, vehicular speed shall be controlled by the vehicle’s driver as necessary to avoid colliding with any person, object, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the road in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care when operating any vehicle.
- V. **STATEMENT OF REGULATION:**
  - A. The Speed Limit for vehicles travelling on Town Roads shall be 30 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
  - B. The Speed Limit on Center Street between Tibbetts Hill Road and Tirrell Hill Road shall be 25 miles per hour.
  - C. The Speed Limit on Main Street between High Street and Mountain Road shall be 25 miles per hour.
  - D. The Speed Limit on South Mast Street between Mountain Road and Park Lane shall be 25 miles per hour.
  - E. The Speed Limit on Goffstown Back Road between Jason Drive and the Manchester City Line shall be 35 miles per hour.
  - F. The Speed Limit on Wallace Road between Stacey Lane and the Bedford Town Line shall be 35 miles per hour.
  - G. The Speed Limit on Shirley Hill Road between Route 114 and Wallace Road shall be 35 miles per hour.
  - H. The Speed Limit on Tibbetts Hill Road from Lauren Lane to Black Brook Road shall be 35 miles per hour.
  - I. The Speed Limit on East Dunbarton Road from Black Brook Road to the Dunbarton Town Line shall be 35 miles per hour.

J. The Speed limit on Tirrell Hill Road between Center Street and Montelona Road shall be 35 miles per hour.

**VI. ENFORCING AUTHORITY:** The Department of Public Works shall post signs in appropriate locations on all Town roadways entering the community indicating the speed limit of 30 miles per hour town wide unless otherwise posted as provided in this ordinance.

A. The Goffstown Police Department shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance after the posting of appropriate and authorized signs.

**VII. PENALTIES:** Unless otherwise stated, any person or unnatural person within the meaning of the Criminal Code, who violates an ordinance shall be guilty of a violation. Pursuant to RSA 502-A:11-a, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Family Division Goffstown Court shall have jurisdiction of the prosecution of any violation of the Town of Goffstown Ordinances. All fines collected shall be for the use of the Town. The Town may enforce to the maximum penalty allowed by law. The enforcement authority may issue a summons and complaint along with a notice of fine pursuant to the procedures for pleas by mail set out in RSA 502-A:19-b.

**VIII. EXCLUSIONS:** These requirements shall not apply where such matters are governed by State Law, or when public emergency response or public works entities are engaged in emergency response or operations in the area.

**IX. PROCEDURE:** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Public Hearing Dates: 3/25/2013, and 4/8/2013

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Adoption Date: 4/22/2013      Effective Date: Upon Passage

**X. SIGNATURES:**

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOWN CLERK