



## TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE RULES & REGULATIONS SPEED LIMITS

ORDINANCE NO: 06-01

### 1.0 **Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish safe and reasonable speed limits for the protection of the life and property on any public way within the Town of Hopkinton

### 2.0 **Authority**

Pursuant to the authority of NH RSAs 41:8 which establishes the Select Board, 41:11 which authorizes the Select Board to regulate the use of roads in the town, and 265:63 which specifically authorizes the Select Board to regulated speed limits, the Hopkinton Select Board does hereby enact the following:

### 3.0 **Basic Rule**

3.01 No person shall drive a vehicle on any public way within the Town of Hopkinton at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under that conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

### 4.0 **Maximum Speed**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on any public way within the Town of Hopkinton, except State posted highways, at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour, unless otherwise provided by subsections of this ordinance.

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- 4.01 30 Miles Per Hour: It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 30 miles per hour on any of the following streets, highways, and/or public ways:

Bound Tree Road (Pine St. to Autumn Ridge Rd)  
Briar Hill Road  
Clement Hill Road  
Dustin Road  
Hatfield Road  
Kast Hill Road  
Kearsarge Avenue  
Penacook Road  
Pine Street  
Rollins Road  
South Road (Main St. to gravel portion)  
Stickney Hill Road  
Stumpfield Road  
Sugar Hill Road  
Tyler Road (Penacook Rd to Webster line)

- 4.02 35 Miles Per Hour: It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour on any of the following streets, highways, and/or public ways:

East Penacook Road  
Farrington Corner Road

### **5.0 Speed Exception**

The speed limitations set forth in this ordinance shall not apply to vehicles when operated with due regard for safety under the direction of law enforcement officers in the case of apprehension of violators of the law or of persons charged with or suspected of any such violation in response to a fire alarm or other emergencies, nor to public or private ambulances. This exception shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

### **6.0 Penalties**

The fines for violation of this ordinance shall be as shown in NH RSA 265:60 V.

**Revision History**

| <b>Revision</b> | <b>Change</b>               | <b>Date</b> |
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