

Sample Traffic Ordinance

This sample traffic ordinance is intended to be a suggested model for those “qualifying” Maine towns which decide to regulate speed limits on townways. It is highly recommended that the municipality’s Legal Counsel review this ordinance before it becomes legal because this wording is geared toward the “technical” perspective and not the “legal” perspective.

“Traffic Ordinance Regulating Speed Limits on Certain Townways”

Authority: This regulatory ordinance is adopted pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2075, §-3 as amended by the 120th Legislature as PL 2001, Chapter 313.

Purpose: This ordinance is designed to allow the municipal officers to regulate the speed limit of vehicles on the public ways cited below, in accordance with the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the standards of the MDOT.

Regulation: when the proper notifications and procedures have been completed and the proper signs have been erected after enactment of this ordinance, an operator shall not operate a motor vehicle faster than the noted speed limits on the following townways, or portions thereof:

Parker Lane: 35 mph *starting at the junction of WillyNilly Rd and extending northerly to the junction of HackySack Lane, a total distance of 0.84 miles.*

Kinderhooky St: 25 mph *starting at the Mudville/So. Poohbah townline and extending southwesterly to the urban compact line at Pothole Lane, a distance of 1.4 miles.*

Enforcement: This ordinance shall be enforced by the Municipal Officers or their duly appointed designee, or other State and/or County enforcement personnel. Violations of this ordinance shall be traffic infractions and shall be prosecuted, if necessary, in the appropriate District Court.

Severability: In the event that any portion of this ordinance is found by the Court to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Effective Date: this ordinance was adopted by the majority of the Municipal Officers and is effective on August 31, 2001.

Certified by the Selectmen
of the Town of So. Poohbah

Attested by:
