

Stop Signs Regulations

1. Authority and purpose.

Pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1008, the following special regulations are adopted by the Town of Ripton to regulate the operation and use of motor vehicles at intersections controlled by stop signs within the limits of the Town of Ripton. These special regulations shall constitute a civil ordinance enacted pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1974a.

2. Definitions.

Unless context otherwise requires in statutes relating to motor vehicles and the enforcement of law regulating vehicles, the terms used in these special regulations shall be defined as provided by 23 V.S.A. § 4.

3. Operation at intersection controlled by stop sign.

Except when directed to proceed by an enforcement officer or traffic-control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersection roadway where the driver has view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on said highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection.

4. Designation of intersections controlled by stop signs.

Stop signs shall be erected on the following streets for the regulation of traffic at the following intersections:

Name of Street	TH#	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of	TH#
Lincoln Road	1	South	State Route 125	n/a
Lincoln Road	1	North	North Branch Road	3
Lincoln Road	1	South	North Branch Road	3
Norton Farm Road	10	South East	Lincoln Road	1
Natural Turnpike	11	South East	State Route 125	n/a
Goshen Road	18	North	State Route 125	n/a
Maiden Lane	2	South East	State Route 125	n/a
Frost Road	19	South	State Route 125	n/a
Steam Mill Road	20	East	State Route 125	n/a

Name of Street	TH#	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of	TH#
Brooks Road	21	North West	State Route 125	n/a
Dugway Road	3	East	Lincoln Road	1
Robbins Cross Road	13	East	Lincoln Road	1
Robbins Cross Road	13	South West	Natural Turnpike	11
Wagon Wheel Road	15	East	Peddler Bridge Road	2
Natural Turnpike	11	East	Chandler Hill Road	12
Natural Turnpike	11	West	Peddler Bridge Road	2
County Cross Road	7	West	North Branch Road	3
Barker Road	5	South West	North Branch Road	3
Pearl Lee Road	4	East	Lincoln Road	1

5. Enforcement; violations and penalties.

- a. A violation of this special regulation regarding stop signs shall constitute a "traffic violation" as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 2302(a)(4).
- b. A violation of this special regulation regarding stop signs shall constitute a violation of 23 V.S.A. § 1008.
- c. A violation of this special regulation may be enforced by an enforcement officer pursuant to Chapter 15 of Title 23.
- d. A violation of this special regulation regarding stop signs shall be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau pursuant to Chapters 24 and 29 of Title 23 and 23 V.S.A. § 1974a(b).
- e. A person who violates a special regulation regarding stop signs shall be subject to the all penalties, fines, surcharges, court costs, and any other assessment established and/or administered by the Vermont Judicial Bureau for a violation of 23 V.S.A. § 1008 and, in the event of a failure an amount due, 4 V.S.A. § 1109.
- f. Upon conviction, points for the violation of 23 V.S.A. § 1008 shall be assessed against the violator's license to operate a motor vehicle as required by 23 V.S.A. § 2502, and the violator's license to operate a motor vehicle may be suspended pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §§ 2505 and 2506.

6. Operation of emergency vehicles.

- a. These special regulations regarding stop signs shall not apply to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(1) where:

- i. The vehicle is operated by or under the direction of an on duty law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duty;
 - ii. A Fire Department vehicle is traveling to, but not returning from, a fire alarm; or
 - iii. A public or private ambulance is traveling on, but not returning from, an emergency call.
- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may proceed past a stop sign without stopping, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.
 - c. The foregoing exemptions granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the vehicle is making use of audible or visual signals meeting the requirement of Title 23 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

7. Severability.

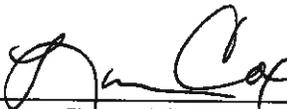
The provisions of these special regulations regarding stop signs are severable. If any provision of these special regulations or their application to any person or circumstances or within any part of the town is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not apply to any other portion of these special regulations which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application thereof.

8. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Selectboard. If a petition is timely filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the taking effect of this Ordinance shall be governed by 24 V.S.A. § 1973(e).

Adopted by the Selectboard of Ripton on this date: 09-28-09

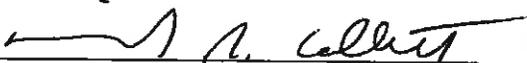
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