

# TOWN OF AUBURN SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE

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## Section 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish safe and reasonable speed limits for the protection of the life and property on any way within the Town of Auburn.

## Section 2: AUTHORITY

The authority for the Auburn Board of Selectmen to regulate municipal highways is contained in RSA 41:11, which also includes the authority of City Councils outlined in RSA 47:17 (VII) and (VIII).

## Section 3: BASIC RULE AND MAXIMUM SPEED

No person shall drive a vehicle on any way within the Town of Auburn at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the 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.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on any public way within the Town of Auburn, except State posted highways, at a speed greater than 35 miles per hour, unless otherwise provided by subsections of this ordinance.

## Section 4: 45 MILES PER HOUR / STATE HIGHWAYS

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 45 miles per hour on any of the following state highways or extensions thereof. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 265:63, IV, Town of Auburn officials shall not alter the 35 miles per hours speed limit on any state highways or extensions thereof until such alteration has been approved by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation.

State highways or extensions thereof in the Town of Auburn with 45 mile per hour speed limits include:

Londonderry Turnpike (By-Pass 28) -- (Derry town line to near Massabesic Traffic Circle)
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## Section 5: 40 MILES PER HOUR / STATE HIGHWAYS

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 40 miles per hour on any of the following state highways or extensions thereof. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 265:63, IV, Town of Auburn officials shall not alter the 35 miles per hours speed limit on any state highways or extensions thereof until such alteration has been approved by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation.

State highways or extensions thereof in the Town of Auburn with 40 mile per hour speed limits include:

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Chester Road (Route 121) – (Chester town line to near intersection with Bunker Hill Road)
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**Section 6: 35 MILES PER HOUR / STATE HIGHWAYS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour on any of the following state highways or extensions thereof. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 265:63, IV, Town of Auburn officials shall not alter the 35 miles per hours speed limit on any state highways or extensions thereof until such alteration has been approved by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation.

State highways or extensions thereof in the Town of Auburn with 35 mile per hour speed limits include:

Hooksett Road (various portions)	Manchester Road (Route 121)
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**Section 7: 30 MILES PER HOUR / STATE HIGHWAYS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 30 miles per hour on any of the following state highways or extensions thereof. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 265:63, IV, Town of Auburn officials shall not alter the 35 miles per hours speed limit on any state highways or extensions thereof until such alteration has been approved by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation.

State highways or extensions thereof in the Town of Auburn with 30 mile per hour speed limits include:

Chester Road (Route 121) – (Curve near intersection with Calef Road)
Chester Road (Route 121) – (Curve near 278 Chester Road)
Chester Road (Route 121) – (Intersection with Bunker Hill Road to four-way intersection with Hooksett Road, Manchester Road and Raymond Road)
Londonderry Turnpike (By-Pass 28) – (Section approaching the Massabesic Traffic Circle)

**Section 8: 35 MILES PER HOUR / MUNICIPAL ROADS**

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 public ways:

Acorn Avenue	Allen Avenue	Appletree Road
Auburndale Lane	Audubon Way	Beaver Brook Road
Berry Patch Lane	Birch Road	Boxwood Drive
Brookside Drive	Bunker Hill Road	Buttonwood Drive
Calef Road	Cambridge Drive	Cameo Court
Candia Road	Cardinal Road	Cedar Crest Lane
Cohas Drive	Coleman Road	Colonial Drive
Commercial Court	Cottage Avenue	Country Circle

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Crickett Lane	Dartmouth Lane	Dearborn Road
Depot Road	Dollard Road	Donald Drive
Drouin Circle	Eaton Hill Road	Finch Lane
Gardner Road	Gold Ledge Drive	Granite Lane
Grapevine Drive	Grey Point Avenue	Griffin Mill Road
Highwood Drive	Hills Road	Grove Court
Harvard Avenue	Haven Drive	Hawthorne Drive
Heather Circle	Hickorytree Road	Hook Road
Hooksett Road	Hummingbird Drive	Hunting Road
James Drive	Jennifer Lane	Joan Drive
Kimball's Point Road	King Street	Lakeview Way
Lantern Lane	Lilak Drive	Lovers Lane
Maple Farm Road	Margate Drive	Matthew Drive
Maverick Drive	McEvoy Drive	McQueston Drive
Meadow Lane	Miner Road	Morgen Drive
Mountain Road	Myles Drive	Neal Avenue
Noll's Farm Road	Nutt Road	Oaktree Road
Old Candia Road	Old Chester Turnpike	Olde Towne Road
Orchard Street	Palomino Drive	Pleasant Court
Pond View Drive	Prescott Lane	Preston Way
Paradise Lane	Parker Way	Pasture Drive
Peachtree Road	Penny Lane	Pingree Hill Road
Priscilla Lane	Rattlesnake Hill Road	Raymond Road
Reading Street	Remar Court	Ridge Court
Rockingham Road	Rockwood Terrace	Ryan Road
Sagharbor Drive	Sandy Knoll Drive	Shea's Drive
Silver Hill Road	Sonya Drive	Sparrow Lane
Spofford Road	Squirrel Drive	Star Circle
Steam Mill Road	Sun Valley Road	Tower Hill Road
Vici Drive	Walnut Drive	Wellington Road
Westford Drive	Westminister Lane	Whitetail Crossing
Wildwood Drive	Willow Court	Wilson's Crossing Road
Windy Court	Winters Way	

The Town roads listed above were in existence as of the date of the adoption of this ordinance. Any future road properly accepted to be a Town-maintained road by the Board of Selectmen acting on behalf of the Town, or by a vote at Town Meeting, after the adoption of this ordinance, shall be automatically deemed to have a speed limit of 35 miles per hour and may be administratively added to the list contained in this ordinance. The exception to this shall be if the road is specifically designated for a speed limit other than 35 miles per hour by a formal action of the Board of Selectmen as prescribed by law.

### Section 9: 25 MILES PER HOUR / SCHOOL ZONE

Pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 265:60, II (a), it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 25 miles per hour during normal school hours on any of the

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following streets, highways and/or public ways in the vicinity of the Auburn Village School that is posted as a "School Zone":

Eaton Hill Road	Hooksett Road
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Section 10: **25 MILES PER HOUR / MUNICIPAL ROADS**

Based upon traffic and engineers investigations conducted in accordance with the provisions of RSA 265:63, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 25 miles per hour on any of the following streets, highways and/or public ways:

Gardner Road – (portion of)
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Section 11: **PRIVATE ROADS**

This Ordinance shall not apply to any private roads within the borders of the Town of Auburn.

Section 12: **EXCEPTION**

The speed limits 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.

Section 13: **ENFORCEMENT**

The Chief of Police of the Town of Auburn or his or her duly appointed agents are hereby authorized to cite, summons and prosecute in the District Court or any other court having jurisdiction thereof, any persons, firm or corporation deemed to be in violation of the provisions of the Town of Auburn Speed Limit Ordinance.

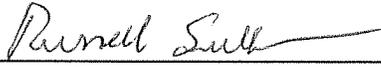
Section 14: **PENALTIES**

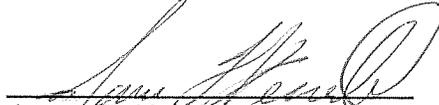
Any motor vehicle operator that violates the speed limit specified herein shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine as otherwise set forth in RSA 265:60.

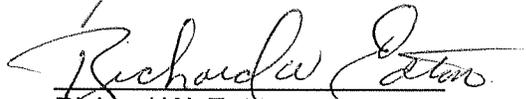
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Adopted on the 3rd day of November, 2014

  
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