AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWN OF NORWICH

1. AUTHORITY

1.1 This Ordinance is adopted under the provisions of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, §1971 – 1973, 23 V.S.A. §1007(f) and 13 V.S.A. §7251.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote public safety.

3. SPEED LIMITS

3.1 The maximum speed limit permitted for any vehicular traffic on Vermont Route 5 North, Vermont Route 5 South, Route 10-A and River Road, all within the Town of Norwich, shall be the same as those limits established and posted by the State of Vermont.

3.2 US Route 5

3.2.1 A maximum speed limit of 35 mph beginning at the Hartford-Norwich town line and extending northerly 0.20 miles to a point 0.17 miles south of TH-58 and from there a maximum speed limit of 40 mph extending northerly 0.73 miles to a point 0.09 miles south of VT 10A and from there a maximum speed limit of 25 mph extending northerly 1.12 miles to a point 0.12 miles south of TH-40 and from there a maximum speed limit of 40 mph extending northerly 0.60 miles to a point 0.20 miles north of Norwich State Highway "River Road" and from there a maximum speed limit of 50 mph extending north to the Norwich-Thetford town line.

3.3 Vermont Route 10-A

3.3.1 A maximum speed limit of 30 mph on VT 10-A in the Town of Norwich beginning at the intersection of US Route 5 and extending easterly 0.52 miles to the New Hampshire State Line at the west end of the so-called "Ledyard Bridge" which spans the Connecticut River.

3.4 River Road

3.4.1 A maximum speed limit of 40 mph beginning at the junction with VT Route 10-A and extending northerly 0.59 miles; and from there a maximum speed limit of 35 mph extending northerly 0.56 miles to the junction with US Route 5.

4. ARTICLE 5 PENALTIES:

- 4.1 This is a civil Ordinance which shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions in 24 V.S.A. §1974a and §1977 et seq.
- 4.2 The penalty for violation of any of the above speed limits shall be that set by the Schedule of Fines established by the State of Vermont.

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5. ARTICLE 6 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

5.1 This Ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer who has been certified according to the provisions of 20 V.S.A. §2358.

6. SEVERABILITY

6.1 If any section of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Ordinance.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

7.1 This Ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Town of Norwich Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. §1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED by the Norwich Selectboard on May 13, 2015.

Selectboard Chair

Effective Date: July 6, 2015