

**FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDINANCE
Ord. No. 221; Date of Adoption: September 22, 2015**

An Ordinance adopting traffic control orders and prescribing procedure for amendment and adoption of additional traffic control orders.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FRENCHTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions.

“Traffic Control Order” is an order officially establishing the location of traffic control devices and traffic control signals on the highways of Frenchtown Charter Township by the authority having jurisdiction over such highway and filed with the Monroe County Clerk.

Section 2. Authority.

Public Act 235 of 1969 in the State of Michigan, Control of Traffic in Parking Areas, provides that a Township Board may upon the request of either the owner or the person in charge of the general operations control over the parking area by local ordinance:

- (a) Order stop signs, yield signs, or other traffic control devices erected at specified entrance or exit locations to a parking area or at an intersection in the parking area.
- (b) Regulate traffic in the parking area, including regulation by means of traffic control signals.
- (c) Prohibit or regulate the turning of vehicles or specified types of vehicles at intersections or other designated locations in the parking area.
- (d) Regulate the crossing of a roadway in the parking area by pedestrians.
- (e) Designate a separate roadway, drive, or lane in the parking area for 1-way traffic.
- (f) Prohibit, regulate, restrict, or limit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified areas of the parking area.
- (g) Designate safety zones, loading zones, and other restricted area in the parking area.
- (h) Provide for the removal and storage of vehicles parked or abandoned in the parking area during snowstorms, floods, fires, or other public emergencies, or found unattended in the parking area, if the vehicles constitute an obstruction to traffic or if stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited, and for the payment of reasonable charges for the removal and storage by the owner or operator of the vehicle.

(i) Adopt additional reasonable rules with respect to traffic and parking in a parking area as local conditions may require for the safety and convenience of the public or of the users of the parking area.

Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages Rule 28.1153, Rule 153 further provides that traffic control orders shall become effective upon being filed with the County Clerk and upon erection of adequate signs and signals that give notice of the existence of the regulation if signs or signals are required by the provisions of the code or the traffic control order that pertain to the regulation and further that such traffic control orders must be approved by the Ordinance making body.

Section 3. Adoption of Traffic Control Orders.

The attached traffic control order is hereby incorporated by reference and is adopted pursuant to law, including R28.1153, Rule 53 of the Uniform Traffic Code. Any amendments to such traffic control order and the adoption of new traffic control orders shall be by resolution of the Township Board.

Section 4. Penalties; Disposition of Fines.

A. A violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a civil infraction.

B. A violation of this Ordinance and the penalties therefore shall be processed in the same manner as a violation and penalty for a civil infraction under Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of the Public Acts of 1949 being MCL Sections 257.1 to 257.923.

C. Frenchtown Charter Township does not, by adoption of the penalties of the Michigan Vehicle Code, incorporate any of the provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code calling for the disposition of criminal and civil fines for the benefit of any other entity or agency, and directs that any and all fines and costs be collected and paid to the general fund of Frenchtown Charter Township.

Section 5. Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty days after adoption and publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the Charter Township of Frenchtown, Monroe County, Michigan.