

CHAPTER 63

SPEED REGULATIONS

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63.01 GENERAL. Every driver of a motor vehicle on a street shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive a vehicle on any street at a speed greater than will permit said driver to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead, such driver having the right to assume, however, that all persons using said street will observe the law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285)

63.02 STATE CODE SPEED LIMITS. The following speed limits are established in Section 321.285 of the Code of Iowa and any speed in excess thereof is unlawful unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter as a special speed zone.

1. Business District – twenty (20) miles per hour.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [1])
2. Residence or School District – twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [2])
3. Suburban District – forty-five (45) miles per hour.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [4])

63.03 PARKS, CEMETERIES AND PARKING LOTS. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour in any public park, cemetery or parking lot, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[5])

63.04 SPECIAL SPEED RESTRICTIONS. In accordance with requirements of the Iowa State Department of Transportation, or whenever the Council shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed limit listed in Section 63.02 is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of the City street system, the Council shall determine and adopt by ordinance such higher or lower speed limit as it deems

reasonable and safe at such location. The following special speed zones have been established:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.290)

1. Special 15 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. On any alley in the City.

2. Special 20 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. On 23rd Street from Erie Avenue to Hill Avenue.

3. Special 25 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. On streets within the Business District;

B. On Hill Avenue from 23rd Street to 30th Street;

C. On Peoria Avenue from 15th Street to 23rd Street.

(Ord. 3-2013 – Apr. 16 Supp.)

4. Special 35 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. On Hill Avenue from 14th Street to north City limits;

B. On Hill Avenue from 30th Street south to 36th Street;

(Ord. 07-09 – Mar. 10 Supp.)

C. On 165th Avenue from Hill Avenue east to Erie Avenue.

5. Special 40 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of forty (40) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. From West junction U.S. Highway 71 and Iowa Highway 9 to 200 feet south of 23rd Street.

(Ord. 10-06 – Oct. 07 Supp.)

6. Special 45 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. On Hill Avenue from 36th Street south to 170th Avenue.

(Ord. 07-09 – Mar. 10 Supp.)

63.05 MINIMUM SPEED. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation, or in compliance with law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.294)

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