

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.
2. Residence or School District – twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
3. Suburban District – forty-five (45) miles per hour.

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

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

63.04 CEMETERIES. A speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour in any cemetery, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

63.05 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 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. First Street, from Pattee Street to Otley Avenue.

B. Willis Avenue, from Fourth Street east to 13th Street.

(Ord. 789 – Dec. 02 Supp.)

2. Special 30 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. Willis Avenue, from the west City limits east to Diagonal Road.

B. Willis Avenue, from the middle of the block between West Eight Street and West Seventh Street east to West Third Street.

C. Willis Avenue from 13th Street east to the intersection of Highway 141 by-pass.

D. Iowa Street between 18th Street and the Highway 141 by-pass.

(Ord. 789 – Dec. 02 Supp.)

3. 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. First Street, from Park Street to Pattee Street.

B. First Street, from Otley Avenue to Highway 141.

C. Park Street from the east edge of Violet Hill Cemetery to 18th Street.

(Ord. 850 – Aug. 06 Supp.)

4. 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. First Street, from Park Street to north City limits.

5. Special 50 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of fifty (50) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. Highway 141 from 115 feet west of Tenth Street to Highway 144.

6. Special 55 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of fifty-five (55) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. Highway 141 from 1,361 feet east of 16th Street to 115 feet west of Tenth Street.

63.06 MINIMUM SPEED. A person shall not 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)

63.07 CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITIES. Speed limits on controlled access facilities are as specified in Chapter 140 of this Code of Ordinances.