

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 CEMETERIES AND PARKING LOTS. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour in any public 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 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 10 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
 - A. On Sunset Street from a point on the east line of Lot 3, Forest Heights, Plat No. 3, to West Side Drive.
2. 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 West Jester Park Drive from West Broadway to the west City limit;

- B. On North Third Street from Broadway to a point 1,350 feet north of Broadway;
 - C. On Third Street from Broadway to a point 728 feet south of Broadway;
 - D. On Broadway from Third Street to a point 250 feet northwest of Fifth Street;
 - E. In the school zone from 1315 to 1620 West Broadway, when lights are flashing.
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. On North Third Street from 1,350 feet north of Broadway to a point 3,810 feet north of Broadway;
 - B. On Third Street from 728 feet south of Broadway to a point 2,008 feet south of Broadway;
 - C. On Broadway from 250 feet northwest of Fifth Street to 250 feet north of Prairie Ridge Drive.
(Ord. 2014-800 – Jan. 15 Supp.)
 - D. On West Bridge Road from South Third Street (Highway 415) west to the City limits;
 - E. On Parker Boulevard, from West Bridge Road to a point 700 feet south of the intersection with West Wahkonsa Avenue.
 - F. On East Northside Drive from N. 3rd Street to N. 6th Street.
(Ord. 2008-700 – Dec. 08 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. On East Northside Drive from N. 6th Street to the east City limit;
(Ord. 2008-700 – Dec. 08 Supp.)
 - B. On North Third Street from 3,810 feet north of Broadway to the north City limit;
 - C. On Third Street from 2,008 feet south of Broadway to the south City limit;
 - D. On N. Broadway from 250 feet north of Prairie Ridge Drive to the City limits.
(Ord. 2014-800 – Jan. 15 Supp.)

63.05 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)

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