

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 BUSINESS DISTRICT. A speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour in the business district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [1])

63.03 RESIDENCE OR SCHOOL DISTRICT. A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour in any school or residence district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [2])

63.04 SUBURBAN DISTRICT. A speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour in any suburban district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [4])

63.05 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])

63.06 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)

63.07 EMERGENCY VEHICLES. The speed limitations set forth in this chapter do not apply to authorized emergency vehicles when responding to emergency calls and the drivers thereof sound audible signal by bell, siren or whistle. This provision does not relieve such driver from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of others.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.231)

63.08 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 herein set forth 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.290)

63.09 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.

1. Lake Park Road from Lake Drive to Old Highway 34.
2. Soccer Complex Road *(Ord. 651 – Nov. 99 Supp.)*
3. Louise Avenue from East Florence Street to Shelby Lane.
(Ord. 785 – Nov. 06 Supp.)

63.10 SPECIAL 30 MPH SPEED ZONES. *(Repealed by Ordinance No. 590)*

63.11 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:

1. *(Repealed by Ordinance No. 849 – Jun. 12 Supp.)*
2. Locus Street from Hazel Street to Coolidge Street.
3. Locust Street from Second Street to north corporate limits.
4. Sharp Street from Chestnut Street to the east corporate limits.

(Ord. 559)

63.12 SPECIAL 25 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour is unlawful in any of the following designated streets or parts thereof:

1. Sharp Street and East Sharp Street from Vine Street to Redbud Avenue.
2. Redbud Avenue from East Sharp Street north to corporate limits.
(Ord. 822 – Jan. 10 Supp.)
3. Railroad Avenue.
(Ord. 849 – Jun. 12 Supp.)

63.13 SPECIAL 20 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour is unlawful in any of the following designated streets or parts thereof:

1. Coolidge Street from Grove Street to Hazel Street.
(Ord. 777 – Jun. 06 Supp.)

63.14 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION ZONE SPEED LIMITATIONS. Speed in excess of the posted speed limit in a marked construction zone is unlawful. All fines for speeding in a construction zone shall double in sum.

(Ord. 831 – Oct. 10 Supp.)

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