

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, 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 ZONES. 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 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. Evans Street from Highland Street to O'Donnell Street;
 - B. Boyd Street from Stone Drive to 140 feet east of Highway 149;
 - C. Stone Drive from Boyd Street to 385 feet south of Evans Street;
 - D. O'Donnell Road from Boyd Street to 385 feet south of Evans Street.
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. Franklin Street from South Street to Highland Street.

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. Welsh Street from West Street to the west corporate line;
 - B. State Street from the east corporate line to the bridge over Old Man's Creek;
 - C. Maplewood Avenue from State Street to a point 1450 feet south of State Street;
 - D. Evans Street from the west corporate line to Highland Street;
 - E. Hawkeye Drive from the west corporate line to Highland Street;
 - F. Cyclone Drive from the east corporate line to Highland Street;
 - G. Industrial Park Drive between State Street and Cyclone Drive;
 - H. Industrial Park Place between Maplewood Avenue and Industrial Park Drive;
 - I. Cyclone Drive from Highland Street east to the corporate City limits.
4. 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. Highland Street from Old Man's Creek to the north corporate line;
 - B. Highland Street from 980 feet north of the south corporate line to the south corporate line.
5. Special 70 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of seventy (70) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
 - A. Interstate 80 (I-80) from the east corporate line to the west corporate line of the City.

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)