

## 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 – 20 MPH.
2. Residence or School District – 25 MPH.
3. Suburban District – 45 MPH.

**63.03 CEMETERIES AND PARKING LOTS.** A speed in excess of 15 MPH 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 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 10 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of 10 MPH is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
  - A. Within any City Park
2. Special 20 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of 20 MPH is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
  - A. Main Street in front of the school from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
3. Special 35 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of 35 MPH is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
  - A. 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south City limits.

**63.05 SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT ON COUNTY HIGHWAY M55.** Any person driving a motor vehicle on any portion of County Highway M55 located within the incorporated limits of the City shall not drive said motor vehicle in excess of the maximum speeds shown below for the described portion of said County Highway M55:

1. 45 MPH from the point where County Highway M55 intersects the northern corporate limits of the City, to a point 100 feet north of where said County Highway M55 intersects with First Avenue, extended in the City.
2. 35 MPH from a point 100 feet north of where said County Highway M55 intersects with said First Avenue, extended, to a point 100 feet north of where said County Highway M55 intersects with and becomes part of Main Street in the City;

**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)*

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