

## 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.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [1])*
2. Residence or School District - Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [2])*
3. Suburban District - Forty-five (45) miles per hour.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [4])*

**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 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. On Iowa Highway 44 (State Street) from Station 657 to Station 705;
  - B. On Iowa Highway 25 (Fifth Street) from 50 feet south of Prairie Street to 50 feet north of Grand Street.
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. On Iowa Highway 25 (Fifth Street) from 50 feet south of School Street to 50 feet south of Prairie Street;
  - B. On Iowa Highway 44 (State Street) from Station 705 to Station 718;
  - C. On Iowa Highway 25 (Fifth Street) from 50 feet north of Grand Street to 500 feet north of Park 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. On School Street from Iowa Highway 25 (Fifth Street) to School Drive;
  - B. On Iowa Highway 44 (State Street) from Station 657 to Station 647;
  - C. On Bluff Street from Thirteenth Street to Iowa Highway 44 (State Street).
4. Special 40 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of forty (40) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
  - A. On Iowa Highway 25 (Fifth Street) from Station 576+50 to 50 feet south of School Street;

B. On Iowa Highway 25 (Fifth Street) from 500 feet north of Park Street to Station 16;

C. On Iowa Highway 44 east corporation limit from Station 718 to Station 750.

5. 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 Iowa Highway 44 west corporation limit from Station 640 to Station 647.

**63.05 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)*

**63.06 EMERGENCY VEHICLES.** The speed limitations set forth in this chapter do not apply to authorized emergency vehicles or the rider of a police bicycle when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected perpetrator of a felony or in response to an incident dangerous to the public and the drivers thereof use an audible signaling device or a visual signaling device. This provision does not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle or the rider of a police bicycle from the duty to drive or ride with due regard for the safety of others.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.231)*

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