

## 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 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 20 MPH Speed Zones. A speed of twenty (20) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following streets or parts thereof.

A. On West Market Street from West Fifth Street to Panther Drive;

B. On Clay Street from N.E. Fifth Street to Utopia.

*(Ord. 259-Jan 11)*

C. From the Corner of Panther Drive and West Clay Street east along West Clay through the curve into the 500 block just past the crosswalk after the curve.

*(Ord. 349, October 22)*

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 Highway 44 from Iowa Highway 4 to West Third Street.

B. On S.E. Third Street from Main Street to the 300 block of South Street.

C. On S.E. Sixth Street from Highway 44 to East Third Street (Guthrie County Highway P28).

3. Special 30MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour is following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. On Iowa Highway 44 from East Third Street to 575 feet on East Eighth Street.

B. On Highway 44 from West Third Street to West Fifth Street.

C. On S.E. Third Street from the 300 block of South Street to 300 feet south (Guthrie County Highway P28).

D. On Highway 44 in front of school between DOT installed flashing lights when lights are flashing.

4. 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 Iowa Highway 4 from Iowa Highway 44 to just north of Clay Street.

B. On the East Corporate Line Road from Iowa Highway 44 to the North corporate line.

5. 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 44 from West Fifth Street to the West corporate line.

6. 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 4 from just north of Clay Street to 200 feet north of N.E. Second Street;

B. On Iowa Highway 44 from 575 feet east of East Eighth Street east to the east corporate line.

7. Special 10 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour is unlawful on any alley in the City.

*(Ord. 262 - Oct. 07 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)*