

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 miles per hour.
2. Residence or School District – 25 miles per hour.
3. Suburban District – 45 miles per hour.

63.03 PARKS, CEMETERIES, AND PARKING LOTS. A speed in excess of 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. A 20 MPH zone graduating to a 25 MPH zone graduating to a 35 MPH zone and then to a 55 MPH zone on Railroad St. governing traffic traveling in a westerly direction when leaving the City.
 - A. The 20 MPH sign shall be located 770 feet east of Lot 8, Block 4, Younglove's Addition to Norway.
 - B. The 25 MPH sign shall be located 125 feet from Lot Eight, Block Four, Younglove's Addition to Norway.
 - C. The 35 MPH sign shall be located 840 feet from the 25 MPH sign.
 - D. The 55 MPH sign shall be located 680 feet from the 35 MPH sign.

2. A 25 MPH zone graduating to a 35 MPH zone and then to a 55 MPH zone on Railroad St. governing traffic traveling in an easterly direction when leaving the City.
 - A. The 25 MPH sign shall be located 100 feet east Euclid Ave.
 - B. The 35 MPH sign shall be located 750 feet from the 25 MPH sign.
 - C. The 55 MPH sign shall be located 480 feet from the 35 MPH sign.
3. A 35 MPH zone graduating to a 25 MPH zone and then to a 20 MPH zone on Railroad Street governing traffic traveling in an easterly direction when entering the City.
 - A. The 35 MPH sign shall be located 100 feet from Florence St.
 - B. The 25 MPH sign shall be located 680 feet from the 35 MPH sign.
 - C. The 20 MPH sign shall be located 940 feet from the 25 MPH sign.
4. A 45 MPH zone graduating to a 25 MPH zone and then to a 20 MPH zone on Railroad Street governing traffic traveling in a westerly direction when entering the City.
 - A. The 45 MPH sign shall be located 655 feet east of Dewey St.
 - B. The 25 MPH sign shall be located 480 feet from the 45 MPH sign.
 - C. The 20 MPH sign shall be located 920 feet from the 25 MPH sign.
5. A 35-mile per hour zone graduating to a 25-mile per hour zone on Euclid Avenue governing traffic traveling in a northerly direction with the speed signs located as follows:
 - A. The 35 MPH sign shall be located at 1,470 feet from railroad tracks.
 - B. The 25 MPH sign shall be located at 600 feet from railroad.
6. A 25-mile per hour zone graduating to a 35-mile per hour zone and then to a 55-mile per hour zone on Euclid Avenue governing traffic traveling in a southerly direction with the speed signs located as follows:
 - A. The 25 MPH sign shall be located at 100 feet from railroad tracks.
 - B. The 35 MPH sign shall be located at 500 feet from the 25 MPH sign.
 - C. The 55 MPH sign shall be located at 870 feet from the 35 MPH sign.

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)