

CHAPTER 63

SPEED REGULATIONS

63.01 General
63.02 State Code Speed Limits
63.05 Parks, Cemeteries and Parking Lots

63.04 Special Speed Zones
63.05 Minimum Speed

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 15 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour is unlawful during the period of June 1 to September 1 of each year on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof in the vicinity of the swimming pool and Meyer's Park.

- A. Oak Drive, from Wilson Street to Hill Street;
- B. Hill Street, from Oak Drive to Arthur F. Brandt Drive;
- C. Arthur F. Brandt Drive;
- D. Wilson Street, from Oak Drive to Arthur F. Brandt Drive;
- E. Park Street;
- F. Grandview Drive;
- G. Murdock Street, from Body Street to Bancroft Street;

H. Bancroft Street, from Murdock Street to Stoneman 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. Lawler Street (Highway No. 18/52 & 51) from 100 feet north of the centerline of Murdock Street to Military Road;

B. Military Road (Highway No. 18/52) from Lawler Street to 200± feet east of Summer Street;

C. W. Tilden Street (Highway No. 18/52) from Lawler Street to Reynolds Street.

D. Hardin Drive/100th Street from the intersection with E. Military Road for 1100 feet.

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. Military Road (Highway No. 18/52) from 200± feet east of Summer Street to 400± feet southeast of Hardin Drive;

B. N. Lawler Street (Highway No. 51) from 50± feet south of Murdock Street north to DOT Station 105±.

C. W. Tilden Street (Highway No. 18/52) from 50± feet west of West Street to 1750± feet west of West Street.

D. Hardin Drive/100th Street from 1100 feet east of the intersection with E. Military Road for 1310 feet to the east City limits.

E. Aspen Avenue from the intersection of S. Lawler Street and 100th Street for 2065 feet to the south City limits.

4. 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. U. S. Highway 18 and 52 from 400 feet southeast of Hardin Drive to 1,095 feet south of the centerline of Hyman Drive.

63.05 MINIMUM SPEED. A 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)