

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 ten (10) miles per hour in any public park, cemetery or parking lot, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Ord. 953 – Oct. 09 Supp.)

(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 in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
 - A. Commencing on Washington Avenue at a point 50 feet west of Main Street and continuing east to the westerly intersection of Washington Avenue and Oak Street;
 - B. Commencing on U.S. Highway 65 at a point 500 feet south of the centerline of Washington Avenue and continuing north to a point 50 feet south of Rocksylvania Avenue.

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. Commencing on Washington Avenue at a point 100 feet west of River Street and continuing east 845 feet to a point 50 feet west of Main Street;

B. On Siloam Road from its intersection with Taylor Avenue to a point 150 feet west of the intersection with Hidden Valley Drive;

C. On Georgetown Road from its intersection with Washington Avenue on the north to the south City limits on the south (the north-south portion only);

D. On Brooks Road from its intersection with Oak Street west to its intersection with South River Street;

E. On Industrial Park Road from its intersection with Oak Street to its intersection with South River Street;

F. On Lawler Avenue from its intersection with Brooks Road north to its intersection with Industrial Park Road;

G. On Farm View Road from its intersection with Lawler Avenue east to its intersection with Progress Road;

H. On Progress Road from its intersection with Farm View Road north to its intersection with Industrial Park Road;

I. On South River Street from its intersection with Bliss Boulevard south to its intersection with Industrial Park Road;

J. On Cadet Road 100 feet west of Oak Street and continuing west to Taylor Avenue.

3. 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. Commencing on Washington Avenue at a point 100 feet west of Wilkinson Avenue and continuing east 2,904 feet to a point 100 feet west of River street;

B. Commencing on U.S. Highway 65 at a point 400 feet south of the railroad underpass located south of Washington Avenue in the City and continuing north 1,054 feet to a point 500 feet south of the centerline of Washington Avenue;

C. Commencing on U. S. Highway 65 at a point 50 feet south of Rocksylvania Avenue and continuing north 1,267 feet to a point 100 feet south of Pierce Street;

D. On River Road from Elk Run at the bridge location to the west City limits;

E. On South River Street from its intersection with Industrial Park Road south to its intersection with Brooks Road;

F. On Cadet Road from its intersection with Oak Street on the west running east to the intersection with Commercial Street;

G. On Commercial Street from its intersection with Cadet Road south to the intersection with Sherman Street.

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. Commencing on Washington Avenue at a point 100 feet west of Slayton Avenue and continuing east 1,901 feet to a point 100 feet west of Wilkinson Avenue;
 - B. Commencing on U.S. Highway 65 at a point 100 feet south of Pierce Street and continuing north 1,742 feet to a point 250 feet north of North Street;
 - C. On Siloam Road from a point 150 feet west of its intersection with Hidden Valley Road to the west City limits;
 - D. On Georgetown Road from its intersection with South River Street on the east to the intersection where Georgetown Road runs in a northerly direction;
 - E. On South River Street from its intersection with Brooks Road south to its intersection with Ellsworth Avenue; *(Ord. 965 – Oct. 09 Supp.)*
 - F. On Ellsworth Avenue from its intersection with South Oak Street to its intersection with South River Street. *(Ord. 965 – Oct. 09 Supp.)*
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. Commencing on U. S. Highway 65 at a point 4,345 feet south of the railroad underpass and continuing northerly to a point 400 feet south of the railroad underpass;
 - B. Commencing on Washington Avenue at its intersection with Slayton Avenue and continuing west to the west corporate limits.
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. Commencing on U.S. Highway 65 at a point 250 feet north of North Street and continuing north 2,587 feet to a point 100 feet north of Cadet Road.
 - B. Riverside Drive from Oak Street east to the City limits.
 - C. South Avenue 2/10^{ths} of a mile south of South Third Street.
 - D. 140th Street from River Street to JJ Avenue.
 - E. JJ Avenue between 140th Street and 135th Street (Georgetown Road).
7. Special 50 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of fifty (50) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.
- A. Commencing on U.S. Highway 65 at the southerly corporate limits of the City and continuing northerly 625 feet to a point 4,345 feet south of railroad underpass;
 - B. Commencing on U.S. Highway 65 at a point 100 feet north of Cadet Road and continuing north to a point known as Station 55-50.

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 CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITIES. Speed limits on controlled access facilities are as specified in Chapter 140 of this Code of Ordinances.