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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 him 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 BUSINESS DISTRICT. A speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour in the business district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [1])*

63.03 RESIDENCE OR SCHOOL DISTRICT. A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour in any school or residence district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [2])*

63.04 SUBURBAN DISTRICT. A speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour in any suburban district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [4])*

63.05 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])*



63.06 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)*

63.07 EMERGENCY VEHICLES. The speed limitations set forth in this chapter do not apply to authorized emergency vehicles when responding to emergency calls and the drivers thereof sound audible signal by bell, siren or whistle. This provision does not relieve such driver from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of others.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.231)*

63.08 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 herein set forth 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.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.290)*

63.09 SPECIAL 15 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour shall be unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

1. On Eighth Avenue from First Street to Park Drive.
2. On Fourth Street from "M" Avenue to "N" Avenue.
3. On "N" Avenue from Fourth Street to Third Street.
4. On Fifth Avenue from E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Riverside Drive.
5. On Riverside Drive from Fifth Avenue to Winter Recreation Area in Riverside Park.
6. On "A" Street from Eighth Avenue to Riverside Drive.
7. On Park Drive from Eighth Avenue to Ninth Avenue.
8. On Ninth Avenue from Park Drive to north end.  
*(Subsections 4-8 added by Ordinance No. 680)*
9. On East 13th Street from a point 100 feet west of the Mud Creek Bridge east to Stoney Arch.  
*(Ord. 916 – Aug. 05 Supp.)*



63.10 SPECIAL 30 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour shall be unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

1. On State Highway 150 ("C" Avenue) from 50 feet south of Fifth Street to a point 150 feet south of Seventeenth Street. *(Ord. 724)*
2. On West "D" Street from "K" Avenue to "R" Avenue;
3. On First Street from "K" Avenue to "R" Avenue.

63.11 SPECIAL 35 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour shall be unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof:

1. On U. S. Highway 218 ("K" Avenue) from seven hundred fifty (750) feet south of West Fifth Street to fifty (50) feet north of West "D" Street. *(Ord. 668)*
2. On West 5<sup>th</sup> Street from "K" Avenue (Highway 218) to "R" Avenue. *(Ord. 906 – Mar. 05 Supp.)*
3. On 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 61<sup>st</sup> Street Lane (County Home Road) north to the Iowa Northern Railway. *(Ord. 916 – Aug. 05 Supp.)*
4. On East 13<sup>th</sup> Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to a point 100 feet west of the Mud Creek Bridge. *(Ord. 916 – Aug. 05 Supp.)*
5. On State Highway 150 (First Avenue) from 100 feet north of Third Street north to the City limits. *(Ord. 724)*

63.12 SPECIAL 40 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of forty (40) miles per hour shall be unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof:

1. On Highway 150, beginning at the southern City limits proceeding north for approximately two thousand two hundred nineteen (2,219) feet. *(Ord. 957 – Dec. 08 Supp.)*

63.13 SPECIAL 45 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour shall be unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof:

1. On Highway 218, beginning approximately one thousand one hundred sixty (1,160) feet north and west from southern City limits to seven hundred fifty (750) feet south of West Fifth Street.

*(Ord. 957 – Dec. 08 Supp.)*

63.14 SPECIAL 55 MPH SPEED ZONES. A speed in excess of fifty-five (55) miles per hour shall be unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof:

1. On Highway 218 from the southern City limits traveling north and west about one thousand one hundred sixty (1,160) feet.

*(Ord. 957 – Dec. 08 Supp.)*

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