

CHAPTER 60 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

SUBCHAPTER 60.04

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60.04.01 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)

60.04.02 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 subchapter 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.

60.04.03 PARKS AND PARKING LOTS. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour in any public park or parking lot, unless specifically designated otherwise in this subchapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[5])

60.04.04 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 60.04.02 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 25 MPH Speed Zones.** A speed in excess of 25 miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.~~

~~A. **University Avenue.** University Avenue, from the east corporate limits to the west corporate limits.~~

2.1. **Special 30 MPH Speed Zones.** A speed in excess of 30 miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. **63rd Street.** 63rd Street, from the south line of Hickman Avenue to the south line of University Avenue.

B. University Avenue. University Avenue, from the east corporate limits to the west corporate limits.

3.2. Special 35-MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of 35 miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

- A. 73rd Street. 73rd Street, from the south corporate limits to the south line of University Avenue;
- B. 63rd Street. 63rd Street, from the south line of University Avenue to the south corporate limits.

4.3. Interstate 235. Notwithstanding any speed restrictions contained in this Traffic Code, the following speed restrictions apply to Interstate Highway 235 when official signs are erected giving notice thereof:

- A. Maximum Speed. No person shall operate a vehicle on said highway at a speed in excess of 60 miles per hour.
- B. Minimum Speed. No person shall operate a vehicle on said highway at a speed less than 40 miles per hour.
- C. Vehicle Capability. No person shall operate any vehicle, implement, or conveyance on said highway which is incapable of obtaining and maintaining a speed of 40 miles per hour.

60.04.05 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)

60.04.06 USE OF AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT. Automated traffic enforcement technologies may be utilized to enforce speed regulations in this subchapter by civil fine pursuant to ATE regulations set forth in Section 60.02.07.

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