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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 CEMETERIES AND PARKING LOTS. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour in any public 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 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.

1. On First Avenue East from Johnson Street (Highway 136) to Taylor Street;
2. On Second Avenue from Monroe Street to Fox Street;
3. On First Avenue West from Johnson Street (Highway 136) to McKinley Street.
4. On Johnson Street (Highway 136) from First Avenue to the north City limits.
5. On Industrial Street SE from 1st Avenue East to 2nd Avenue SE.

63.10 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.

1. On Johnson Street (Highway 136) from First Avenue to the south edge of the community park.

63.11 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.

1. On First Avenue East from Taylor Street to Madison Street;

2. On First Avenue West from Johnson Street (Highway 136) to the west city limits;
3. On McKinley Street SW from First Avenue to the south city limits;
4. On south bound lane of Tyler Street NE from the Tyler Street Box Culvert to the north city limits at the intersection of the Highway 151 right-of-way.
5. On Fox Street SE from 1st Avenue East to 2nd Avenue SE.

69.14 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.

1. On First Avenue East from Madison Street to First Avenue's dead end at the east City limits.
2. On Industrial Park Road from 1st Avenue East, north 1,600 feet.
3. On Monroe Street NE from 1st Avenue East to Monroe Street's dead end at the Highway 151 right-of-way.

63.13 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.

1. On Second Avenue SE from Fox Street SE to the east City limits.
2. On Johnson Street SW from 4th Avenue SW to the Cascade Family Medical Center, 805 Johnson Street SW.
3. On the west bound lane of 2nd Avenue SE from Jack Oak Drive SE to Fox Street SE.

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

1. On Johnson Street SW from the Cascade Family Medical Center to the south City limits.