

CHAPTER 63
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A. 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)

B. 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.

C. 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])

D. 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 63.01 (B) 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 in any mobile home park that has elected to have the Marion Traffic Code enforced within the mobile home park.

2. 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. On 10th Street from 5th Avenue to 7th Avenue.

3. 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. On 31st Street from 10th Avenue to the north City limits.

B. *(Repealed by Ord. 07-28 – Nov. 07 Supp.)*

C. On Third Avenue from 31st Street to 35th Street.

D. On 6th Avenue from 7th Street to 15th Street.

(Ord. 12-29 – Feb. 13 Supp.)

4. 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. On 10th Street from 10th Avenue to the north City limits, except that area from Boyson Road to Arica Avenue that shall be twenty-five (25) mph when children are present.

(Ord. 10-33 – Feb. 11 Supp.)

B. *(Repealed by Ord. 14-10 – Aug. 14 Supp.)*

C. On West Eighth Avenue from the western edge of the bridge across Indian Creek to Lindale Drive.

D. On Lindale Drive from West Eighth Avenue to Blairs Ferry Road.

E. On 35th Street from 10th Avenue to McGowan Boulevard.

(Ord. 10-11 – May 10 Supp.)

F. On South 22nd Street from Grand Avenue to the south City limits.

G. On Indian Creek Road from 10th Street to 650 feet north of 29th Avenue except for that area from 29th Avenue to a point 550 feet north which shall be a twenty-five mile per hour school zone when children are present.

H. On South 11th Street from 1st Avenue to Meadowview Drive.

I. On 29th Avenue from Indian Creek Road to Highland Drive, except that the area from Indian Creek Road to Brookvalley Court shall be 25 MPH when children are present.

(Ord. 09-18 – Aug. 09 Supp.)

J. *(Repealed by Ord. 09-18 – Aug. 09 Supp.)*

K. *(Repealed by Ord. 09-18 – Aug. 09 Supp.)*

- L. On Winslow Road from Berrys Run Bridge to Cakebread Court.
(Ord. 06-29 – Nov. 06 Supp.)
 - M. On 44th Street from Business Highway 151 north to Mission Avenue.
(Ord. 07-28 – Nov. 07 Supp.)
 - N. On 31st Street from 10th Avenue to Highway 100.
(Ord. 13-04 – Feb. 13 Supp.)
5. 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. On Marion Boulevard from the west City limits to where it becomes Seventh Avenue.
 - B. *(Repealed by Ord. 16-18 – Feb. 17 Supp.)*
 - C. On Seventh Avenue/Business 151 from 15th Street to a point 500 feet west of the east line of 44th Street.
 - D. On Alburnett Road from the north end of the Indian Creek Bridge to the north City limits, except as set out in subsection (D)(6)(F).
(Ord. 11-15 – Aug. 11 Supp.)
 - E. On Blairs Ferry Road from Lindale Drive to the northwest City limits.
 - F. On Boyson Road from 10th Street to the west City limits.
 - G. On Indian Creek Road from 650 feet north of 29th Avenue to the north City limits.
 - H. On East Post Road from Highway 100 to Meadowview Drive.
(Ord. 10-13 – May 10 Supp.)
 - I. On Winslow Road from Cakebread Court to the north City limits.
(Ord. 10-14 – May 10 Supp.)
 - J. On Munier Road within the incorporated limits of the City.
 - K. On Lucore Road within the incorporated limits of the City.
 - L. On 44th Street from Highway 151 to the south City limits.
(Ord. 05-21 – Nov. 05 Supp.)
 - M. On South 62nd Street south of Highway 151 within the incorporated limits of the City.
 - N. On 29th Avenue from Alburnett Road to Indian Creek Road, except that the area from 2nd Street to Indian Creek Road shall be 25 MPH when children are present.
(Ord. 09-18 – Aug. 09 Supp.)
 - O. On Linn Aire Drive from Highway 151/13 to 62nd Street.
(Ord. 05-20 – Nov. 05 Supp.)
 - P. On 29th Avenue from Highland Drive to Highway 13.

(Ord. 09-18 – Aug. 09 Supp.)

- Q. On 44th Street from Mission Avenue north to Tower Terrace Road.
(Ord. 07-28 – Nov. 07 Supp.)
- R. On Echo Hill Road from Alburnett Road to Winslow Road, except that the area from Culver Lane to the centerline of Section 24, T84N, R7W shall be 25 MPH when children are present.
(Ord. 09-16 – Aug. 09 Supp.)
- S. On 35th Street from McGowan Boulevard to Tower Terrace Road.
(Ord. 10-11 – May 10 Supp.)
- T. On Winslow Road from Indian Creek Road to Berrys Run Bridge.
(Ord. 10-14 – May 10 Supp.)
- U. On Connection Avenue from 10th Street to Winslow Road.
(Ord. 11-11 – Aug. 11 Supp.)
- V. On Tower Terrace Road from the west City limits to the east City limits, except that area from 10th Street to 1000 feet east which shall be twenty-five (25) MPH when children are present.
(Ord. 16-17 – Feb. 17 Supp.)

- W. On 35th Street from Business 151 to Munier Road.
(Ord. 14-09 – Aug. 14 Supp.)
- X. On Blairs Ferry Road from Marion Boulevard to Lindale Drive.
(Ord. 14-10 – Aug. 14 Supp.)
- Y. On Alburnett Road from Boyson Road to the southern terminus of Alburnett Road.
(Ord. 14-17 – Nov. 14 Supp.)
- Z. On East Robins Road within the incorporated limits of the City.
(Ord. 16-04 – May 16 Supp.)
- AA. On Seventh Avenue from Marion Boulevard to 250 feet west of Sixth Street as 35 mph.
(Ord. 16-18 – Feb. 17 Supp.)

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. On Business Highway 151 from 500 feet west of the east line of 44th Street to Highway 13.
- B. *(Repealed by Ord. 09-18 – Aug. 09 Supp.)*
- C. *(Repealed by Ord. 16-04 – May 16 Supp.)*
- D. On East Post Road from Highway 100 to the south City limits.
(Ord. 10-12 – May 10 Supp.)
- E. On North 10th Street from 800 feet north of Williams Drive to 150 feet north of Shamrock Drive.
(Ord. 07-27 – Nov. 07 Supp.)
- F. *(Repealed by Ord. 17-06 – May 17 Supp.)*
- G. On Alburnett Road from Tower Terrace Road to the northern City limits, except that the portion lying 400 feet south to 400 feet north of Oakridge School Drive which shall be twenty-five (25) mph when children are present.
(Ord. 17-06 – May 17 Supp.)

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/primary roads or parts thereof.

- A. On Business Highway 151 beginning 120 feet east of 62nd Street and extending westerly 1,350 feet to the intersection of Iowa Highway 13 and Business Highway 151.
- B. On Iowa Highway 13 beginning 110 feet north of Kacena Avenue and extending southerly to the intersection of Iowa Highway 13 and Business Highway 151.

C. On Iowa Highway 13 beginning 1,665 feet south of Linn Aire Avenue and extending northerly to the intersection of Iowa Highway 13 and Business Highway 151.

(Ord. 06-28 – Nov. 06 Supp.)

8. 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.

A. On Business Highway 151 anywhere in the corporate City limits of Marion that has not been heretofore established as a lower mile per hour speed zone.

B. On Iowa Highway 13 anywhere in the corporate City limits of Marion that has not been heretofore established as a lower mile per hour speed zone.

(Ord. 06-28 – Nov. 06 Supp.)

E. 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)

F. OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES. A low-speed vehicle shall not be operated on a street with a posted speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour. This section shall not prohibit a low-speed vehicle from crossing a street with a posted speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour.

(Ord. 01-35 & 01-39 – Nov. 01 Supp.)