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CHAPTER 62
 GENERAL REGULATIONS

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62.01 VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS. Any person who shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order of a peace officer or direction of a fire department officer during a fire, or who shall fail to abide by the provisions of this chapter and the applicable provisions of the following Iowa statutory laws relating to motor vehicles and the statutory law of the road is in violation of this chapter. These sections of the Code of Iowa are adopted by reference and are as follows:

1. Display of Registration and License to Drive: 321.32, 321.37, 321.98, 321.174, 321.193, 321.216 and 321.218 through 321.224.
2. Obedience to a Peace Officer and Responsibility of Public Officers, Emergency Vehicles, All-Terrain Vehicles, Golf Carts and Bicycles to Obey Traffic Regulations: 321.229 through 321.234A and 321.247.
3. Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings: 321.256 through 321.260.
4. Accidents and Accident Reporting: 321.261 through 321.268.
5. Operation of Motorcycles and Motorized Bicycles: 321.275.
6. Reckless Driving, Drag Racing, Speed, Control of Vehicle and Minimum Speed: 321.277, 321.278, 321.285 through 321.288, 321.294 and 312.295, 321.382 and 321.383.
7. Driving on Right, Meeting, Overtaking, Following or Towing: 321.297 through 321.310.
8. Turning and Starting, Signaling on Turning and Stopping: 321.311 through 321.318.
9. Right of Way: 321.319 through 321.324.
10. Pedestrian Rights and Duties and Safety Zones: 321.325 through 321.334 and 321.340.

11. Railroad Crossings: 321.341 through 321.344.
12. Stopping, Standing, Parking: 321.353 through 321.361.
13. Unattended Vehicle, Obstructing Driver's View, Crossing Median, Following Fire Apparatus, or Crossing Fire Hose, and Putting Glass, Etc. on Streets: 321.362 through 321.371.
14. Lighting Equipment Required and Time of Use: 321.384 through 321.398, 321.402 through 321.409, 321.415, 321.417 through 321.424. In accordance with authorization granted by Section 321.395, Code of Iowa, motor vehicles parked upon any street where permitted by this chapter need not display required lights where there is sufficient light emitted from City street lights to reveal any person or object within a distance of five hundred (500) feet upon such street.
15. Brakes, Horns, Sirens, Mufflers, Wipers, Mirrors, Tires, Flares, Windows, Safety Belts, And Special Markings for Transporting Explosives: 321.430 through 321.443 and 321.445 through 321.450.
16. Size, Weight and Load: 321.452 through 321.463, 321.465, 321.466, and 321.471 through 321.473.
17. Unsafe Vehicles: 321.240 and 321.381.

62.02 PLAY STREETS DESIGNATED. The Mayor shall have authority to declare any street or part thereof a play street and cause to be placed appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating and helping to protect the same. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating any street or part thereof as a play street, no person shall drive a vehicle upon any such street or portion thereof except drivers of vehicles having business or whose residences are within such closed area, and then any said driver shall exercise the greatest care in driving upon any such street or portion thereof.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

62.03 VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS. The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon or within any sidewalk area except at a driveway.

62.04 CLINGING TO VEHICLES. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the streets of the City unless all passengers of said vehicle are inside the vehicle in the place intended for their accommodation. No person shall ride on the running board of a motor vehicle or in any other place not customarily used for carrying passengers. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

62.05 MUFFLERS. It shall be unlawful for a person to operate or drive a motor vehicle on a highway that is not equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke, or to use a muffler cutout, by-pass or similar device.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.436)

62.06 QUIET ZONES. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating a quiet zone, no person operating a motor vehicle within any such zone shall sound the horn or other warning device of such vehicle except in an emergency.

62.07 SCHOOL BUSES. The following school bus safety regulations shall apply within the City:

1. **Signals.** The driver of any school bus used to transport children to and from a public or private school shall, when stopping to receive or discharge pupils at any point within the City, turn on the flashing warning lamps at a distance of not less than three hundred (300) feet, nor more than five hundred (500) feet from the point where said pupils are to be received or discharged from the bus. At the point of receiving or discharging pupils the driver of the bus shall bring the bus to a stop, turn off the amber flashing warning lamps, turn on the red flashing warning lamps, and extend the stop arm. After receiving or discharging pupils, the bus driver shall turn off the flashing warning lamps, retract the stop arm and then proceed on the route. Except to the extent that reduced visibility is caused by fog, snow or weather conditions, a school bus shall not stop to load or unload pupils unless there is at least three hundred (300) feet of unobstructed vision in each direction. However, the driver of a school bus is not required to use flashing warning lamps and the stop arm when receiving or discharging pupils at a designated loading or unloading zone at a school attendance center or a extracurricular or educational activity locations where students exiting the bus do not have to cross the street or highway. A school bus, when operating on a highway with four or more lanes, shall not stop to load or unload pupils who must cross the highway, except at designated stops where pupils who must cross the highway may do so at points where there are official traffic control devices or police officers.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.372[1])

2. **Lights On.** The driver of a school bus shall, while carrying passengers, have its headlights turned on.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.372[1])

3. **Discharging Pupils.** All pupils shall be received and discharged from the right front entrance of every school bus and if said pupils must cross the street or highway, they shall be required to pass in front of the bus, look in both directions, and proceed to cross the street or highway only on signal from the bus driver.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.372[2])

4. **Passing Prohibited.** The driver of any vehicle overtaking a school bus shall not pass a school bus when red or amber warning signal lights are flashing and shall bring said

vehicle to a complete stop not closer than fifteen (15) feet of the school bus when it is stopped and stop arm is extended, and shall remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the driver to proceed.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.372[3])

5. **Stop When Meeting.** The driver of any vehicle when meeting a school bus on which the amber warning signal lights are flashing shall reduce the speed of said vehicle to no more than twenty (20) miles per hour, and shall bring said vehicle to a complete stop when school bus stops and signal arm is extended and said vehicle shall remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted after which driver may proceed with due caution.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.372[3])

6. **Multi-lane Roads.** The driver of a vehicle upon a highway or street providing two or more lanes in each direction need not stop upon meeting a school bus which is traveling in the opposite direction even though said school bus has stopped.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.372[4])

62.08 FUNERAL OR OTHER PROCESSIONS. The following regulations shall apply to funeral or to other processions within the City:

1. **Identified.** A funeral or other procession composed of vehicles shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a pennant or other identifying insignia or by such other method as may be determined and designated by the Police Chief.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[3])

2. **Manner of Driving.** Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right hand of the roadway as practical and shall follow the vehicle ahead as closely as is practical and safe.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[3])

3. **Interrupting Procession.** No driver of any vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated as required in this chapter. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or peace officers.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[3])

62.09 TAMPERING WITH VEHICLE. Any person who either individually, or in association with one or more other persons, willfully injures or tampers with any vehicle or breaks or removes any part or parts of or from a vehicle without the consent of the owner is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section 321.482 of the Code of Iowa.

62.10 ELUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE PURSUING LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE. No driver of a motor vehicle shall willfully fail to bring the motor vehicle to a stop or otherwise elude or attempt to elude a marked official law enforcement vehicle driven by a uniformed peace officer after being given a visual or audible signal to stop and in doing so

exceed the speed limit by twenty-five (25) miles per hour or more. The signal given by the peace officer shall be by flashing red light or siren.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.279)

62.11 OBSTRUCTING VIEW AT INTERSECTIONS. It shall be unlawful to allow any tree, hedge, billboard or other object to obstruct the view of an intersection by preventing persons from having a clear view of traffic approaching the intersection from cross streets. Any such obstruction shall be deemed a nuisance and in addition to the standard penalty may be abated in the manner provided by Chapter 56 of the Code of Ordinances.

62.12 MILLING. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate a vehicle, either singly or with others, in any processional milling or repeated movement over any street to the interference with normal traffic use, or to the annoyance or offense of any person.

62.13 EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION. It shall be unlawful for any person in the operation of a motor vehicle, including motorcycles, to so accelerate such vehicle as to cause audible noise by the friction of the tires on the pavement or to cause the tires of the vehicle to leave skid marks on the pavement, or to cause the wheel of a motorcycle to leave the ground more than two (2) inches, except when such acceleration is reasonably necessary to avoid a collision.

62.14 CARELESS DRIVING. No person shall drive any vehicle in such a manner as to indicate careless driving, which when used here does not impute willfulness or intent, but means simple negligence.
