

CHAPTER 62

TRAFFIC CODE – GENERAL REGULATIONS

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62.01 VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS. Any person who willfully fails or refuses to comply with any lawful order of a peace officer or direction of a fire department officer during a fire, or who fails 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, Radar Jamming Devices, Road Workers: 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. Drag Racing, Speed, Control of Vehicle and Minimum Speed: 321.278, 321.285 through 321.288, 321.294, and 321.295, 321.382 and 321.383.
7. Driving on Right, Meeting, Overtaking, Following or Towing: 321.297 through 321.310.
8. Turning and Starting, Signals 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. School Buses: 321.372.
15. 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.
16. Brakes, Horns, Sirens, Mufflers, Wipers, Mirrors, Tires, Flares, Windows, Safety Belts, and Special Markings for Transporting Explosives: 321.430 through 321.434; 321.436 through 321.443; 321.445 and 321.466; and 321.449 and 321.450.
17. Size, Weight and Load: 321.452 through 321.463, 321.465, 321.466, and 321.471 through 321.473.
18. Unsafe Vehicles: 321.240 and 321.381.

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

62.03 CLINGING TO VEHICLE. 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, in-line skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

62.04 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.

62.05 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS. Upon the immediate approach of a funeral procession, the driver of every other vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle, shall yield the right-of-way. An operator of a motor vehicle which is part of a funeral procession shall not be charged with violating traffic rules and regulations relating to traffic signals and devices while participating in the procession unless the operation is reckless.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.324A)

62.06 TAMPERING WITH VEHICLE. It is unlawful for any person, either individually or in association with one or more other persons, willfully to injure or tamper with any vehicle or break or remove any part or parts of or from a vehicle without the consent of the owner.

62.07 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)

62.08 OBSTRUCTING VIEW AT INTERSECTIONS. It is 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 50 of this Code of Ordinances.

62.09 RECKLESS DRIVING. No person shall drive a vehicle in such manner as to indicate a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.277)

62.10 EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION. It is 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.

62.11 ENGINE BRAKES AND COMPRESSION BRAKES.

1. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within the City of Grimes, Iowa, any engine brake, compression brake, or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle that results in loud, unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle, except in response to an imminent traffic accident.
2. The usage of an engine brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in braking or deceleration in such a manner so as to be audible at a distance of three hundred (300) feet from the motor vehicle shall constitute evidence of a prima facie violation of this section.
3. The scheduled fine for a violation of this Section shall be fifty (50) dollars.