

## CHAPTER 3: SPEED LIMITS

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#### *Editor's note:*

*This chapter was amended during the February 12, 2008, "Change 1".*

### **§ 15-301 IN GENERAL.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street at a rate of speed in excess of 30 mph, except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits, in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply. Judicial notice may be taken by the city court as to the accuracy of radar as a device for measuring speed.  
(1989 Code, § 15-301)

### **§ 15-302 UPON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon the following highways or streets at a rate of speed in excess of the rate contained herein:

(A) On Lantana Road from the city limits to the intersection of West Avenue, the maximum rate of speed shall be 30 mph;

(B) On Highway U.S. 70 East from the city limits to Castleman Lane, the maximum rate of speed shall be 45 mph;

(C) On Highway U.S. 70 East from Castleman Lane to a point 655 feet east of the intersection with E. Adams and Rockwood Ave., the maximum rate of speed shall be 40 mph;

(D) On Highway U.S. 70 North from the city limits to the intersection of Obed Street, the maximum rate of speed shall be 45 mph; .

(E) On Highway U.S. 70 North from the intersection of Obed Street to the intersection of Lantana Road, the maximum rate of speed shall be 30 mph;

(F) On Highway U.S. 127 North from the city limits to the intersection of Elmore Road, the maximum rate of speed shall be 45 mph;

(G) On Highway U.S. 127 North from the intersection of Elmore Road to the intersection of Rockwood Highway, the maximum rate of speed shall be 30 mph;

(H) On Highway U.S. 127 South from the city limits to the intersection of Dunbar Lane, the maximum rate of speed shall be 45 mph;

(I) On Highway U.S. 127 South from the intersection of Dunbar Lane to the intersection of Rockwood Highway, the maximum rate of speed shall be 30 mph;

(J) On Highway U.S. 70 West from the city limits to the entrance to Highland Square Mall, the maximum rate of speed shall be 45 mph;

(K) On Highway U.S. 70 West from the entrance to Highland Square Mall to the intersection with Highway U.S. 70 North and Elmore Road, the maximum rate of speed shall be 30 mph;

(L) On Miller Avenue from Highway U.S. 127 North (N. Main Street) to Lantana Road, the maximum rate of speed shall be 40 mph, except for that portion of the roadway which has been designated as a school zone. On Miller Avenue from Lantana Road across Highway U.S. 127 South (S. Main Street), to the city limits, the maximum rate of speed shall be 50 mph;

(M) On Genesis Road (SR 298) beginning at mile marker "1", north to the city limits on Genesis Road, maximum rate of speed shall be 40 mph;

(N) On Highway U.S. 70 East from a point 655 feet east of the intersection with E. Adams and Rockwood Ave. to the intersection of Main Street, the maximum rate of speed shall be 30 mph;

(O) On Interstate Drive from Old Jamestown Highway to Genesis Road, the maximum rate of speed shall be 40 mph;

(P) On Village Lane from Genesis Road to its termination, the maximum rate of speed shall be 20 mph;

(Q) On Short Road from E. First Street to the city limits (approximately 500 feet), the maximum rate of speed shall be 25 mph; and

(R) For all streets inside the city limits in Deer Creek Subdivision, the maximum rate of speed shall be 25 miles per hour.

(1989 Code, § 15-302) (Ord. 1068, passed 8-18-2005; Ord. 1100, passed 8-22-2006; Ord. 1332, passed 9-16-2011; Ord. 1337, passed 11-29-2011; Ord. 1397, passed 5-14-2013; Ord. 1415, passed 7-2-2013)

**§ 15-303 AT INTERSECTIONS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any intersection at a rate of speed in excess of 15 mph unless the person is driving on a street regulated by traffic-control signals or signs which require traffic to stop or yield on the intersecting streets.

(1989 Code, § 15-303)

**§ 15-304 IN SCHOOL ZONES AND NEAR PLAYGROUNDS.**

(A) Pursuant to T.C.A. § 55-8-152, the city shall have the authority to enact special speed limits in school zones. The special speed limits shall be enacted based on an engineering investigation; shall not be less than 15 mph; and shall be in effect only when proper signs are posted with a warning flasher or flashers in operation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any special speed limit enacted and in effect in accordance with this division (A).

(B) In school zones where the City Council has not established special speed limits as provided for above, any person who shall drive at a speed exceeding 15 mph when passing a school during a recess period when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, or during a period of 90 minutes before the opening hour of a school or a period of 90 minutes after the closing hour of a school, while the children are actually going to or leaving school, shall be prima facie guilty of reckless driving.

(1989 Code, § 15-304, modified)

**§ 15-305 IN CONGESTED AREAS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any congested area at a rate of speed in excess of any posted speed limit when the speed limit has been posted by authority of the city.

(1989 Code, § 15-305)