

CHAPTER 12-8 SPEED

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GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on a street or highway at a speed that is greater than reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing or at a speed in excess of those fixed in this article.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 8,
§137, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Chapters 9-31 and
32-25 generally.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED ZONES

The City Council is authorized and empowered to determine and establish upon any street or highway within the City or any part thereof, limited speed zones which speed limit shall constitute the maximum speed at which any person may drive or operate any vehicle upon zone, street or highway or portion thereof so zoned, and on which highway the maximum speed permissible is said zone has been conspicuously posted by signs adopted by the Council.

The beginning of such limited speed zones shall be indicated by signs showing the speed limits. The City Council may change the speed limit or the extent of any such limited speed zone at any time it may deem necessary.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 8,
§138, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Chapters 9-31 and
32-25 generally.

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SPEED LIMITS

Except as may otherwise be provided by this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a rate of speed greater than the following:

- A. Unless otherwise posted the speed limits on all alleyways in all business and residential districts and all parks within the city shall be 15 miles per hour.

- B. Unless otherwise posted the speed limits on all public roadways or streets within the city shall be twenty five (25) miles per hour.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 8,
§139, 3/11/74.
Ordinance No. 368 7/5/05

Authority:
SDCL Chapters 9-31 and 32-25 generally.

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SCHOOL ZONES

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours for such school.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 8,
§140, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Chapters 9-31 and
32-25 generally.

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OBSTRUCTED INTERSECTIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a greater speed than fifteen (15) miles per hour when approaching within fifty (50) feet of, and in traversing an intersection of highways when the driver's view is obstructed. A driver's view shall be deemed to be obstructed when at any time during the last fifty (50) feet of his approach to such intersection he does not have a clear and uninterrupted view of such intersection and of the traffic upon all of the highways entering such intersection for a distance of two hundred (200) feet from such intersection.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 8,
§141, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Chapters 9-31 and
32-25 generally.

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EMERGENCY VEHICLES

The speed limit set out in this chapter shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles when responding to emergency calls, provided the drivers thereof sound audible signals by siren or horn and two (2) red lights are displayed to the front or a flashing red light is displayed on top of said vehicle, so as to be plainly visible to all traffic in the area. This provision shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 8,
§142, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Chapters 9-31 and
32-25 generally.

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SLOW SPEED

No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 8,
§143, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL § 32-24-5.1; Also
see Ch. 9-31 generally.

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LIMITED SPEED ZONES

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour when children are present upon that portion of Elm Street between the intersections of Elm Street and First Avenue and Elm Street and Fourth Avenue.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour when children are present upon that portion of Sylvan Circle parallel to and abutting the boundaries of Pioneer Centennial Park and fifty (50) feet of either side of the boundaries of said park.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour when children are present upon that portion of Aspen Boulevard from the intersections of Aspen Boulevard and Second Avenue and Aspen Boulevard and Nicholas Drive.
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour when children are present upon that portion of Second Avenue from the intersections of Second Avenue and Aspen Boulevard and Second Avenue and Elm Street.
- E. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle at a speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour upon that portion of the Aspen Park Recreational Complex roadway from the intersection of Aspen Park Recreational Complex roadway and Nicholas Drive up to and including the parking lot at the south end of the complex.

Legislative History:

Ordinance No 5, Article VIII,
§138, 3/11/74; Ordinance No.
64, 6/19/78; Ordinance No. 90,
11/5/79; Ordinance No. 141,
§2, 4/15/85.

Authority:

SDCL Chapter 32-25 and
9-31 generally.