

ARTICLE IV  
TRAFFIC AND SPEED REGULATIONS

2-4.1 BUSINESS, RESIDENCE OR SCHOOL DISTRICT. No person shall in the Town of Salem, Iowa, drive at a greater rate of speed than twenty miles an hour in the business district or twenty-five miles per hour in any residential or school district, except as hereinafter modified as follows:

a. 20 miles per hour on School Street between Jackson Road on the east and West Main Street on the west.  
(Ordinance No. 1983-2, passed 9/12/83, added Subsection a.)

2-4.2 SAFE VEHICLES. No person shall drive a motor vehicle in the Town of Salem, Iowa, unless said vehicle complies with all the safety requirements of the State of Iowa.

2-4.3 RIGHT OF WAY. The driver of a vehicle within the business or residential districts of Salem, Iowa, when emerging from any alley, driveway or building, shall stop said vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk area extending across any street, alley, or private driveway and shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle approaching on said street. This includes any posted stop sign. The driver shall also give all pedestrians the right-of-way.

2-4.4 CARELESS DRIVING. Any person who drives any motor vehicle in a careless, negligent, or imprudent manner shall be guilty of careless driving, and on conviction be subject to the punishment provided in Section 2-4.14 of this Ordinance.

2-4.5 RECKLESS DRIVING. Any person who drives a motor vehicle in such manner as to show contempt or disregard for the property or safety of others shall be guilty of reckless driving.

2-4.6 PENALTY. Any person convicted of reckless driving may be imprisoned not more than thirty day, or fined not less than twenty-five dollars or not more than one hundred dollars.

2-4.7 U-TURNS. It shall be unlawful for the driver of a motor vehicle to make what is known as a "U-Turn" or to turn in the opposite direction of travel, or across the street between intersections for the purpose of parking, or to go in opposite direction. The turns are to be made at intersections only, and with due caution, especially on the west side of the Town Square. Backing out of diagonal parking, around and across the street for the purpose of going in the opposite direction is especially prohibited.

2-4.8 NOISE. It shall be unlawful for any person to start from a stop sign with a squealing of tires, or unnecessary loud and excessive noise from the engine, any place on the streets of Salem.

2-4.9 TRAFFIC SIGNS. All traffic and parking signs are placed at the direction of the Mayor or Council, such signs not conflicting with the State Code.

2-4.10 PLAY STREETS DESIGNATED. The council shall have the authority to declare any street or part thereof a play street and to place appropriate signs or devises in the roadway indicating and helping



to protect the same. When authorized signs are erected indicating any street or part thereof is a play street, no person shall drive a vehicle thereon 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.

2-4.11 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 a bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

2-4.12 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, bypass or similar device.

2-4.13 EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION. It shall be unlawful for any person in 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 front wheel of a motorcycle to leave the ground more than two (2) inches, except when such acceleration is reasonably necessary to avoid a collision.

2-4.14 PENALTY. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or to a fine not to exceed one hundred (100) dollars. When the fine and costs imposed for the violation of the Ordinance are not paid, the person or persons convicted may be committed to jail until the fine and costs are paid, not to exceed thirt (30) days.