

CHAPTER 60

RAILROAD REGULATIONS

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60.01.321 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Railroad Train” means an engine or locomotive, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1 [29])

2. “Operator” means any individual, partnership, corporation or other association which owns, operates, drives or controls a railroad train.

60.02.327 WARNING SIGNALS. Operators shall sound a horn at least one thousand (1,000) feet before a street crossing is reached and after sounding the horn, shall ring the bell continuously until the crossing is passed.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 327G.13)

60.03.327 OBSTRUCTING STREETS. Operators shall not operate any train in such a manner as to prevent vehicular use of any highway, street or alley for a period of time in excess often (10) minutes except:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 327G.32)

1. Comply with Signals. When necessary to comply with signals affecting the safety of the movement of trains.

2. Avoid Striking. When necessary to avoid striking any object or person on the track.

3. Disabled. When the train is disabled.

4. Safety Regulations. When necessary to comply with governmental safety regulations including, but not limited to, speed ordinances and speed regulations.

5. In Motion. When the train is in motion except while engaged in switching operations.

Operators violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. An employee shall not be guilty of such violation if his action was necessary to comply with the direct order or instructions of a railroad corporation or its supervisors. Such guilt shall then be with the railroad corporation.

60.04.364 CROSSING MAINTENANCE. Operators shall construct and maintain good, sufficient and safe crossings over any street traversed by their rails.

(Bourett vs. Chicago & N.W. Ry. 152 Iowa 579,
132 N.W. 973 [1943],
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.11)

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