

ORDINANCE 4-2025
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, RENAMING, AND RESTATING IN ITS
ENTIRETY TITLE 28,
CEMETERY AND PARKS REGULATIONS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING THAT TITLE 28, CEMETERY
IS HEREBY REPEALED, RENAMED TO CEMETARY AND PARKS
REGULATIONS AND RESTATED IN ITS ENTIRETY AS FOLLOWS.

TITLE 28 CEMETERY AND PARKS REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1 CEMETERY

28-101 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Title, each of the following terms are defined as follows:

Interment: Burial of remains

Disinterment: The act of exhuming remains

Burial Vault: A lined, sealed outer container that houses a casket, protecting it from the weight of the earth and heavy maintenance equipment, and preventing the ground from settling and sinking over time.

Perpetual Care: A fund, funded by a portion of the sale price of interment rights or perpetual care fees, to provide long-term maintenance and care for its grounds and facilities. This fund ensures the cemetery's upkeep, including landscaping and pathways, so that it remains a dignified and well-kept place even after all spaces are sold, but it does not cover the care of individual monuments or gravesites, which remains the responsibility of the family.

Park: Means any place for the resort of the public for recreation.

Animal: Dogs or cats

Owner: Any person, group of persons, association of persons, or corporation who shall own, keep, or harbor any animal, or permit the same to habitually remain or be fed in or about such owners' premises.

28-102 Cemetery name designated.

- (a) The official name of the cemetery for the Town of Moorcroft shall be Moorcroft Cemetery.

28-103 Burial in cemetery required

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to be buried at any place within the town limits of Moorcroft other than in a lawfully established cemetery.
- (b) A casket, urn, or other non-biodegradable vessel is required for burial in Moorcroft Cemetery.

28-104 Regulation

- (a) The Moorcroft Town Council shall govern the operation of the Moorcroft Cemetery, including the placement of trees, shrubs, and flowers, the sale and transfer, re-purchase, and ownership of burial lots, burials, interment, and disinterment. All fees associated with the Moorcroft Cemetery shall be set by resolution by the Town of Moorcroft Town Council.
- (b) The Moorcroft Town Council shall establish rules and regulations within the limitations of this chapter. Such rules will be filed in the Moorcroft Town Clerk's office upon adoption.
- (c) The Moorcroft Public Work's Department shall manage, operate and maintain the Moorcroft Cemetery and see that no space is used or occupied in violation of this chapter.
- (d) The Town of Moorcroft Clerk's office shall be charged with the duty of collecting all monies due and payable to the Town of Moorcroft for the purchase of any section, block, lot or space and any monies due and payable for burials or other services.
- (e) The Town of Moorcroft Clerk's Office shall authorize all burial permits, the Moorcroft Public Works Department shall ensure that graves are opened and excavated in the proper section, block, lot, and space.
- (f) The Town of Moorcroft Clerk's office will maintain records showing
 1. When and to whom the sections, lots, and spaces are sold
 2. The purchase price
 3. To whom a burial permit is issued
 4. Other information as required by the Town Council

28-105 Issuance of Deeds

- (a) No deed for any section, lot, block, or space shall be issued, and no title shall pass until all purchase charges have been paid. All deeds will be issued by the Town Clerk and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk under the seal of the Town.

28-106 Perpetual Care.

- (a) Perpetual Care charges for cemetery spaces, as set by resolution by the Moorcroft Town Council, shall be used only for the purpose of perpetuating the care, maintenance, and upkeep of the Moorcroft Texas Trails Memorial Cemetery.

28-107 Burial permit required

- (a) No burial will be permitted in the Moorcroft Cemetery until a burial permit has been issued showing that all purchase and burial fees have been paid. The burial permit shall also indicate the owner/purchaser, section, lot, block and space, date and time of the funeral and any other applicable information for official records.

28-108 Disinterment and reinterment

- (a) A permit for disinterment and reinterment shall be required prior to disinterment of a dead body or still birth, from one space to another space within the Moorcroft Cemetery, or to any location outside of the cemetery, except as authorized by the State Department of Health and regulations, a court order or otherwise provided by state law. The permit shall be issued by the local registrar or a licensed funeral director, embalmer, or other person acting as such, upon proper application.

28-109 Setting vaults

- (a) Vaults are required for burials in Moorcroft Cemetery. The setting of vaults shall be done under the guidelines as set forth in the rules and regulations governing the cemetery.

28-110 Installation of monuments

- (a) No monuments, markers or structures used to mark or identify the location of an interment shall be placed within Moorcroft Cemetery until a monument permit has been issued by the Town Clerk and certification of ownership is verified.
- (b) Graves may be decorated and decorations removed under the guidelines as set forth in the rules governing the cemetery.

28-111 Resale of cemetery lots

- (a) The resale of cemetery lots is prohibited, except to resell them back to the Town of Moorcroft. Such resale shall be at the rate set by resolution at the time of sale. A quit claim deed will be executed by the seller and recorded by the town. Cost of recording the deed will be borne by the seller.

28-112 Errors

- (a) The Town of Moorcroft shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by the Town or its designees, either in making interments, disinterment's and removals or in the description, transfer and conveyance of an interment property. This may be done either by directing the cancelling of such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value or by refunding the amount of money paid on account of the purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the city reserves the right to remove and transfer such remains so interred to such other property of equal value and similar locations as may be substituted in lieu thereof. The Town Clerk or other designee shall in no way be liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made, or where there has been a failure to comply with the ordinance or rules and regulations. The Town of Moorcroft shall be under no duty to recognize any protest of interment unless it is in writing and filed with the Town Clerk.

CHAPTER 2 PARKS

28-201 Rules and Regulations

(a) In order to promote the safety, comfort and convenience of people using any park or recreation area the Town Council may, from time to time, by such ordinance, adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. Such rules and regulations may include regulating the speed of vehicles, establishing parking areas, and areas where parking and driving of vehicles is prohibited. Areas where certain games and activities are prohibited and such other rules and regulations as in the opinion of the Council are necessary for the safety, comfort, and convenience of people using such park or recreation area. When such rules and regulations have been adopted and signs erected within the park or recreation area or portions thereof affected thereby informing the public of the substance of such rules and regulations it shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply therewith.

28-202 Acts prohibited

- (a) To commit in riotous, boisterous, threatening, or indecent conduct, or language, or to otherwise make noises in such a manner as to disturb or interfere with any spectator or participant in any event or activity conducted in any park, or to enter any park for the purpose of committing any such disturbance or interference.
- (b) To disturb or interfere with any employee of the Town or designee acting within the scope of their employment, or to disturb or interfere with any spectator or participant in any event or activity conducted in any city park for the purpose of committing any such disturbance or interference.
- (c) To smoke tobacco in any designated tobacco free zone.
- (d) To consume alcoholic beverages within any park or within 15 feet of an abutting edge of any park or parking lot of any park. Exception would be made for catering permits authorized by the Moorcroft Town Council.
- (e) To enter or remain in a park while under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or drug.
- (f) To litter or soil or defile restrooms. No person over the age of six (6) years of age shall use restrooms designated for the opposite sex.
- (g) To move or remove from one location to another any equipment used for park maintenance or to tamper with any park equipment.
- (h) To climb on any building or structure in a park not designated for such activity.

- (i) To fail to obey all posted signs regulating park use.
- (j) To fail to obey the lawful order of any peace officer or town employee or other individual authorized to enforce the rules and regulations as set forth herein.
- (k) To offer any article of food or drink for sale, or station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article of food or drink in the park or on public property adjacent to such park without a permit issued by the Town of Moorcroft.
- (l) To deface or vandalize any city property or property of others within a park.
- (m) To dig or otherwise disturb any park area or in any way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any park area.
- (n) To drive stakes or poles in any park area without prior approval of the Public Works Director or designee.

28-203 Hours of operation

(a) What do you want the hours of operation to be???

(b) Each park to have their own hours??

CHAPTER 3 NOONAN PARK

DICK CLAAR MEMORIAL SPLASH PAD

28- 301 Animals in Noonan Park and Dick Claar Memorial Splash Pad

- (a) Due to the public safety and public health risks of animals and animal waste there shall be no animals allowed in the park boundaries.

28-302 Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or motorized or electronic vehicles prohibited

- (a) No bicycles, skateboards, or other wheeled apparatus are allowed in the splash pad area with the exception of wheelchair and other items for those with disabilities.

CHAPTER 4 HOURS OF OPERATION

28-401 Hours of operation

- (a) What do you want the hours of operation to be???
- (b) Each park to have their own hours??

LEGAL

28- 401 REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 28 of the Moorcroft Town Code is hereby repealed and replaced in their entirety.

28-501 LEGAL STATUS

Whenever there is a discrepancy between the requirements of these regulations and any other Town regulations, the most restrictive shall apply.

28-601 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage on three readings or an emergency reading and publication according to law.

Passed, approved, and adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

TOWN OF MOORCROFT:

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mayor

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Certificate of Posting

I _____ as Town Clerk for the Town of Moorcroft, hereby certify that Ordinance

4-2025, was posted on _____, 2025.

Town Clerk/Treasurer