



## Agenda Abstract

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	May 13, 2024
Department:	Community Services
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

#### PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space & Sustainability Manager

#### ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

**Subject:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 – Cemeteries of the Code of Ordinances

##### Attachments:

1. Town Code Chapter 13 – Cemeteries as proposed to be amended
2. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances

##### Summary:

On Feb. 26, 2024, the town board discussed strategies for maintaining cleanliness and respectful use of all town cemeteries. The board requested updates to the town code to restrict certain forms of active recreation, such as sports, on cemetery grounds to ensure respectful use of public spaces.

On March 25, 2024, the town board reviewed a draft of proposed amendments addressing active recreation and behavior in cemeteries. The board requested additional language to prohibit picnics in the Margaret Lane Cemetery and the Old Town Cemetery. The board also requested that leashed pets be permitted only on paved roads and walkways in the Town Cemetery and prohibited in the Margaret Lane Cemetery and the Old Town Cemetery. Additionally, the board requested that all animals other than leashed dogs be prohibited from cemeteries unless affiliated with and authorized as part of a funeral service.

The proposed amendments are submitted in the attached document.

In addition to the proposed Code of Ordinance amendments, new cemetery rules signs will be installed at all town cemeteries and temporary signs addressing off-leash pets and pet waste will be placed at cemeteries and other prominent public spaces. Staff will continue to promote cleanliness and respectfulness through news releases, social media, and the community newsletter.

##### Financial impacts:

None

##### Staff recommendation and comments:

None

##### Action requested:

To approve text amendments as presented.