



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	March 25, 2024
Department:	Public Space and Sustainability
Agenda Section:	Regular
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space and Sustainability Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Ordinance Amending Section 13-4 of the Code of Ordinances – Disruptive Activity Prohibited

Attachments:

1. Town Code Section 13-4, as proposed to be amended
2. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances

Summary:

At its Feb. 26 meeting, the town board discussed strategies for maintaining cleanliness and respectful use of all town cemeteries. Recent resident concerns have highlighted an increase in off-leash dogs and uncollected pet waste. The board discussed tactics to promote respectful use of cemeteries. The mayor asked about the town's legal authority to regulate recreation on cemetery grounds. Town Attorney Lydia Lavelle confirmed that the town could prohibit certain activities, such as those that could damage gravestones given the expensive cost of repair.

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. The proposed amendments, inclusive of staff-recommended edits, are submitted in the attached document.

In addition to the proposed Code of Ordinances 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:

Staff recommends approval of the text amendment as written.

Action requested:

Approve text amendment.