

WYANDOTTE NATION
TITLE 21
CEMETERY AND PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS CODE
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INTRODUCTION

Section 1. Citation.

This Title may be cited as the “Cemetery and Public Parks and Recreational Areas Code.”

Section 2. Scope.

This Title governs the conduct of individuals who utilize and visit the Wyandotte Nation Cemetery and all public recreational areas and Parks as maintained by the Wyandotte Nation. This Title shall be construed in a manner to ensure the peace and enjoyment of all persons in public places maintained by the Wyandotte Nation.

Section 3. Policy and Procedure.

It is the policy of the Wyandotte Nation to maintain respect and honor for our ancestors and in doing so, to regulate the conduct of visitors and users of our public cemetery. Additionally, it is the policy of the Wyandotte Nation to ensure visitors to public areas abide by the laws and regulations required for the continued enjoyment of all persons to utilize such places.

Section 4. Jurisdiction.

(a) The Wyandotte Nation shall have general jurisdiction over all actions arising within the Wyandotte Nation Cemetery and any and all Public Parks maintained and operated by the Nation. The Tribal Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters except where Tribal jurisdiction is prohibited by Federal law.

(b) Personal jurisdiction shall exist over all defendants who violate the provisions of this Title, whether the individual defendant be located within or without the Wyandotte Nation Reservation, insofar as not prohibited by Federal law.

**CHAPTER ONE
WYANDOTTE NATION CEMETERY**

Section 101. Ownership and Maintenance of Wyandotte Nation Cemetery.

(a) The Wyandotte Nation is the Owner and Caretaker of the Wyandotte Nation Cemetery. All rules and regulations shall be implemented and imposed by the Board of Directors.

(b) Cemetery Plots remain the property of the Wyandotte Nation although burial rights are assigned for exclusive use to individuals and families.

Section 102. Use and Visitation to Cemetery.

(a) The Wyandotte Nation Cemetery shall be open for public access at reasonable hours for use and visitation, except when emergency closures are necessary as a result of inclement weather, construction or repairs.

(b) All effort shall be made to open the Wyandotte Nation Cemetery from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, exclusive of emergency closures as outlined in Subsection (a) of this Section.

Section 103. Violations of Impeding Traffic and Maintaining Posted Speed Limit Within Cemetery.

(a) All vehicles are to remain on the designated roadways and operated in a manner that does not prohibit the passage, or otherwise impede the travel, of other vehicles.

(b) Violations inclusive of impeding the flow of traffic is a misdemeanor and shall result in a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Section 104. Maintaining Posted Speed Limit Within Cemetery.

(a) Individuals shall not exceed the speed limit as posted and where such speed limits are not posted, the maximum speed shall be 15 mph.

(b) Violations for exceeding the posted speed limit is a misdemeanor and shall result in a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Section 105. Quiet Zone Within the Cemetery.

(a) Visitors and users of the Wyandotte Nation Cemetery are expected to act in such a manner as to show reverence for those who are interred there. The Cemetery is a designated quiet zone and no loud noises from vehicles or individuals will be tolerated.

(b) It shall be a violation to disturb the peace of others by having open mufflers on vehicles or making sounds which may be reasonably disturbing to other visitors or users of the Wyandotte Nation Cemetery.

(c) A noise violation is a misdemeanor and shall result in a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Section 106. Prohibition Against Defacing, Destroying or Damaging Headstones or Markers.

(a) It shall be a violation of Wyandotte Nation law for any person or persons to intentionally deface, destroy or damage a burial marker in any manner.

(b) An individual who is convicted of intentionally defacing, destroying or damaging a burial marker or other Cemetery property, shall be convicted of a misdemeanor and fined in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or ninety (90) days incarceration, or both a fine and incarceration. The convicted individual will also be required to pay restitution for any damages.

CHAPTER TWO PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Section 201. Public Parks and Recreational Areas Owned and Maintained by the Wyandotte Nation.

All Wyandotte Nation Public Parks and Recreational Areas shall be within the exclusive authority and control of the Wyandotte Nation. All rules and regulations as implemented and imposed shall be strictly enforced.

Section 202. Use and Visitation of Public Parks and Recreational Areas.

All Wyandotte Nation Public Parks and Recreational Areas are owned and shall be maintained for the enjoyment of the public. Every effort will be made to ensure the areas are maintained in a safe and hazard free manner.

(b) The Nation's Public Parks and Recreation Areas shall be open to the public at all reasonable times with a designated opening time of thirty (30) minutes before sunrise and a closing time of thirty (30) minutes after sunset, unless otherwise posted.

Section 203. Visitors and Users to Maintain Public Parks and Recreational Areas in a Reasonable Manner.

(a) The Wyandotte Nation will be responsible for routine maintenance and upkeep of all Public Parks and Recreational Areas and will work to ensure the grounds and facilities are free from hazards and safe for public use.

(b) Individuals visiting or using the Public Parks and Recreational Areas are expected to dispose of garbage or debris in designated areas for such matter.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit garbage or debris in any location not otherwise designated. Individuals violating this Section shall be convicted of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each violation.

Section 204. Prohibition Against Alcohol or Illegal Substances.

(a) The Wyandotte Nation endeavors to maintain Public Parks and Recreational Areas for the use and enjoyment of all individuals and families. The Nation prohibits the use of alcohol and

the possession or use of illegal substances within the parameters of all of its Public Parks and Recreational Areas.

(b) It shall be a violation of Wyandotte Nation law for individuals to possess or use alcohol or illegal substances within the Nation's Public Parks and Recreational Areas. Such violations shall be subject to the appropriate criminal sanctions as outlined in Title 5 of the Wyandotte Nation Law and Order Codes.

Section 205. Prohibited Conduct.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, remain, or loiter in any Public Park or Recreational Area during hours when the area is closed.

(b) This Section shall not apply to authorized personnel, emergency responders, or persons passing through the park on a designated public trail.

(c) A violation of this Section is a misdemeanor. A first offense violation is punishable by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and exclusion from the area for a period of not more than thirty (30) days. A second and subsequent violation will result in a fine not to exceed Two Hundred- Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and an exclusion from the area for up to thirty (30) days.

Section 206. Severability.

If any Section, Subsection, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.