ORDINANCE 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINBURN, IOWA, CHAPTER 115

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Minburn, IA:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Minburn, **Chapter 115, CEMETERY**, is hereby amended as follows:

115.13 — DECORATIONS AND MEMORIAL ITEMS

1. Permitted Decorations. Decorations at an interment space shall be limited to fresh or artificial flowers, plants, or other decorative items placed within a permanent urn or vase that is securely attached to the headstone, monument, or concrete base serving as the foundation for the headstone or monument.

2. Placement. Except as otherwise provided in this section, decorations shall not be placed directly on the ground, on the concrete base, around the headstone or monument, or elsewhere within the interment space. Permanent urns or vases shall be securely attached to the headstone, monument, or concrete base.

3. Prohibited Items. Items placed outside of an approved permanent urn or vase are prohibited unless specifically permitted under subsection 4. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, potted plants, wreaths, statues, figurines, toys, ornaments, solar lights, lanterns, candles, glass containers, shepherd's hooks, stakes, poles, signs, balloons, wind spinners, lawn ornaments, furniture, and other personal or decorative items.

4. Temporary Exceptions. The following temporary items are permitted:

   a. Government-issued or City-approved veteran memorial markers;

   b. United States flags or other flags specifically authorized by the City in observance of Veterans Day, Memorial Day, or another City-authorized patriotic observance;

   c. Flowers, wreaths, sprays, and other temporary decorations associated with a funeral or committal service;

   d. Temporary decorations specifically authorized by the City for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or other designated holidays or observances; and

   e. Other temporary decorations specifically authorized by the Cemetery Superintendent.

Temporary decorations shall be removed within the time period established by the Cemetery Superintendent and/or cemetery rules. The Cemetery Superintendent may establish different removal dates based upon the type of decoration, holiday, weather conditions, or cemetery maintenance needs.

5. Removal of Prohibited Items. The Cemetery Superintendent is authorized to remove any decoration, memorial item, or other personal property that violates this section. Prohibited items may be removed and discarded without notice. The City shall not be responsible for loss of or damage to items removed pursuant to this section.

6. Maintenance of Decorations. Flowers, plants, and other materials contained within permitted permanent urns or vases may be removed by the Cemetery Superintendent when they become dead, wilted, deteriorated, or unsightly, or when they interfere with the proper maintenance of the cemetery.

7. Funeral Decorations. Decorations placed in connection with a funeral or committal service shall be permitted temporarily following the service. The Cemetery Superintendent shall establish a reasonable period for their removal based upon cemetery maintenance needs.

8. Applicability. The requirements of this section apply to all interment spaces within the cemetery regardless of when the interment occurred or when a decoration or other item was placed.

9. Scheduled Removal of Decorations. Any potted or cut flowers will be removed two weeks after Memorial Day. Any items in urns will be removed after Labor Day. Any items put on graves during the winter will be removed the first day of spring.

SECTION 2. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Minburn, **Chapter 115, CEMETERY**, is hereby amended as follows:

115.09 BABY-LAND

Section 115.09 ~~BABY-LAND~~ *INFANT LOTS*. Lots 13 and 14 in Block 18 are restricted to the burial of infants under one year of age. Half spaces will be sold in this area for $75.00 per half space, $37.50 of which is to be deposited in the perpetual care fund, and the balance to the cemetery fund.

Passed by the Council the 9th day of November, 2026, and approved this 9th day of November, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

	1st Reading	2nd Reading	3rd Reading
Waived?		X	X
Motion	Cline		
Second	Robbins		
Biegger	Aye		
Cline	Aye		
Helm	Aye		
McGuire	Aye		
Robbins	Aye		

Date Posted 11/11/2026

Post until 12/11/2026

Chris Helm, City Clerk