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**10-5-100. Duty of Abutting Owners.** Sidewalks shall be altered, constructed or rebuilt by the owners of property abutting on the same, at their expense, or by the Town of Ranchester (at the property owner's expense) as provided in this Chapter, throughout the Town of Ranchester, upon either or both sides of the streets whenever such streets are laid out and improved and in common use by foot travelers. (Ord. 2 §1, 1911)

**10-5-110. Order to Alter or Rebuild.** Whenever a majority of the owners of property upon either side of any street, or any specified portion thereof, shall petition the Town Council for the construction, altering, or rebuilding of sidewalks, or whenever a majority of the Town Council shall decide by vote that such improvements are necessary, they shall immediately order the sidewalk or sidewalks to be constructed altered or rebuilt, within the limitations and in the manner hereinafter provided. (Ord. 2 §2, 1911)

**10-5-120. Service of Order.** The Town Marshal shall within two days after being so ordered by the town Council, serve a written notice upon each owner or occupant of property adjoining to or abutting upon the sidewalks to be constructed, require the owner to construct the same within 20 from the date of such notice. Said notice shall specify the width of the walk, manner of construction and material to be used, and such notice maybe served by delivering a copy thereof to the owner or occupant of the property, or in case of absence of such owner or occupant, with some adult member of his or her family. If there be no occupant upon the premises, and the owner be a non-resident of the Town, then the Marshal may serve said notice by posting a copy of the same in a conspicuous place on the premises. (Ord. 2 §3, 1911)

**10-5-130. Sidewalk Specifications.** All sidewalks shall conform as near as may be to the established grade of the street or streets, when said grade shall have been established, upon which they shall be established, and shall be built of plank not less than two inches in thickness, resting on subsills not less than 2 x 4 inches and not more than 1½ feet apart, said plank to be spiked thoroughly, with suitable spikes to the subsills, the lumber to be used to be sound marketable spruce or pine. Such sidewalks in the business part of Town shall be not less than eight feet wide and on all other streets not less than four feet wide. Provided that the Town Council may grant a permit to construct sidewalks, if the owners so desire, of stone flagging, brick or cement. (Ord. 2 §4, 1911)

**10-5-140. Sidewalk Construction By Town.** If at the expiration of the 20 days notice the sidewalks shall not be built, rebuilt, or repaired by the owner of the abutting and adjacent property, the Town Council shall by vote order the same to be constructed, rebuilt, or repaired as provided in this Chapter, under the direction and supervision of the Town Marshal, along all property where the walk is ordered by the Town Council to be built, rebuilt, or repaired, and the owner has refused or neglected to comply with the order, and the Town shall pay the cost of construction. (Ord. 2 §5, 1911)

**10-5-150. Assessment for Construction Costs.** In all cases when the sidewalk shall have been built, rebuilt, or repaired by the Town as provided for in § 10-10-140 of this Chapter, the Town Marshal shall make out and return to the Town Council, upon completion of said sidewalk, and an accurate itemized report of the cost and expenses of construction of said sidewalks. The Council shall thereupon apportion the same, charging each lot or part of lot with its proportion of the costs and expenses of construction according to the front foot of each abutting lot or lots, and add thereto 20% to defray the costs of collection. The Town Clerk and ex-officio assessor shall thereupon assess and place upon the tax list for the current year the proportion of the costs and expenses of constructing such sidewalk as a special assessment against each lot or part of lot abutting thereon. Such assessment shall be collected in the same manner as general Town taxes are now collected and the Town Collector shall have the same

power to enforce collection by distress and sale of personal and real property that he now has or hereafter may have for the collection of general Town taxes. (Ord. 2 §6, 1911)

**10-5-160. Town May Order Removal.** If any sidewalk now or hereafter constructed by any person upon or along any street, of any kind of material, or quality, or width, or dimension, or on a grade or location different from that specified in any order of the Town Council, or contrary to the provisions of this Chapter, the said Council may order the same removed by the Marshal and relocated or replaced by a sidewalk conforming to the provisions of this Chapter. (Ord. 2 §7, 1911)

**10-5-170. Prohibited Sidewalk Traffic.** It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any horse, mule or other animal, or to drive any such animal or any wagon, buggy, cart, bicycle, automobile, or other vehicle on, or across, any sidewalk in the Town of Ranchester. (Ord. 12 §1, 1912)

**10-5-180. Damage to Sidewalks Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons within the limits of said Town of Ranchester to tear up, break, remove, or destroy, or in any manner injure any of the sidewalks or cross-walks, or to drive any wagons or engine threshing machine onto or over any sidewalk or cross-walk, of a size sufficient to damage the same, without first properly planking said sidewalk or cross-walk to prevent injury thereto. Any so offending shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalty hereinafter provided, and shall moreover be liable for the value of all such property injured or destroyed. (Ord. 12 §2, 1912)

**10-5-190. Sidewalks To Be Kept Clear.** It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of any premises within the limits of the Town of Ranchester to keep the sidewalks in front of, and adjoining the same, free from accumulations of snow and ice, mud, waste and offensive material, and to remove the same with reasonable dispatch. (Ord. 37 §1, 1917)

**10-5-200. Failure to Keep Sidewalks Clear.** If snow, ice, or accumulations of mud or waste be not removed from sidewalks, with reasonable dispatch by the owner or occupant of abutting property, the same shall be removed by the Town of Ranchester, without notice to the property owner or other notice, and the expense of such removal shall be assessed on the property abutting, from the front of which such snow, ice, or other accumulation shall be removed, and such expense shall be certified and collected as other taxes against such abutting property. (Ord. 37 §2, 1917)

**10-5-210. Penalties.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall, on conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not more than \$25.00 or less than \$5.00, and shall be committed until such fine and costs of prosecution are paid. (Ord. 12 §3, 1912)

**10-5-220. Trees Along Streets.** The owner or owners of any lot or lots in any residence district in the Town of Ranchester, may plant on the line of streets, upon which said lot or lots may join, shade and forest trees, said trees to be 10 feet from the line of such lot or lots. (Ord. 14 §1, 1912)

**10-5-230. Cultivation Along Streets.** Any person or persons who shall set out any trees upon the line of any street as hereinbefore provided shall have the right to cultivate that portion of the street included within the distance herein provided and four feet outside the line of trees for a period of two years, and shall hereafter plant grass seed on said portion of the street. (Ord. 14 §2, 1912)

**10-5-240. Destruction of Trees or Grass Prohibited.** If any owner, herder, employee, or any person whomsoever, owning or having charge of any sheep, hogs, horses, mules, cattle, or animals of any description whatever, shall suffer or permit any of the same to go upon any portion of the streets upon which trees or grass have been planted, as hereinbefore provided, or any person who shall cut, whittle, or in any manner damage any of the said trees provided in this Chapter, or the boxing or guards, which may be around the same, or hitch any horse or other stock thereto, or shall in any manner injure or destroy or permit his animals to injure or destroy any of said trees or boxing, shall, upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00 or more than \$25.00 recoverable with costs of prosecution. (Ord. 14 §3, 1912)

**10-5-250. Location of Curb Lines.**

(a) On Weare and Gillette streets the curb line shall be 18 feet from the property line and the inner edge of the four-foot sidewalk shall be on the property line in the residence district; and in the business district the curb line shall be 18 feet from the property line and the inner edge of the eight-foot sidewalk shall be on the property line. (Ord. 46 §1, 1921)

(b) On Main Street the curb line shall be 20 feet from the property line and the inner edge of the four-foot sidewalk shall be on the property line in the residence district, except in front of Blocks No. 7 and 10 the inside of the four-foot sidewalk to be four feet from the property line on the east side of said Main Street; and in the business district the curb line shall be 20 feet from the property line and the inner edge of the eight-foot sidewalk shall be on the property line. (Ord. 48-A §2, 1927; Ord. 46 §2, 1921)

(c) On Coffeen and Campbell Streets, the curb line shall be 18 feet from the property line and the inner edge of the four-foot sidewalk shall be on the property line. (Ord. 46 §3, 1921)

(d) On Dayton and Hardin and Halbert Streets, the curb line shall be 10 feet from the property line and the inner edge of the four-foot sidewalks shall be on the property line. (Ord. 46 §4, 1921)

(e) All sidewalks and curbs built on the streets aforementioned in this Chapter shall be made of concrete according to specifications and grades furnished by the Town Council. (Ord. 46 §5, 1921)

**10-5-260. Crosswalks To Be Kept Clear.** It shall be the duty of the street commissioner to carry out the provisions of this Chapter and to see that all cross walks are cleared of any accumulation of snow, ice, mud or waste, with reasonable dispatch. (Ord. 37 §3, 1917)

**10-5-270. Littering Prohibited; Penalties.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to throw, dump, place or dispose of any garbage, trash, litter, or debris in or upon any public street or way or other public

place in the Town of Ranchester which would be likely to injure any person or property or which would in any way detract from the appearance of the Town of Ranchester.

(b) Any violation of this Section shall be punishable by fine of \$200.00, or imprisonment not exceeding three months.  
(Ord. 75, 1976)

**10-5-280. Obstruction of Drainage; Construction.**

(a) No person shall within the Town of Ranchester obstruct the natural drainage of any street, alley, waterway, water pipe, irrigation ditch or other means of transporting water within the Town of Ranchester in such a manner as to cause damage to any road, street, alley or public or private property.

(b) All approaches constructed from any streets or alleys within the Town of Ranchester must have drainage pipe with a minimum diameter of 10 inches installed in the borrow pit. All pipe must be new material and approved by the building inspector prior to installation. All pipe must be installed to an established street grade or waterway grade. Prior to the installation of any drainage pipe in any borrow pit, irrigation ditch, or natural waterway, approval must be obtained from the building inspector.

(c) Any person violating this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 100, 1978)

**10-5-290. Patching of Streets; Specifications.**

(a) Whenever any paving in the Town of Ranchester must be cut, the paving shall be cut in a vertical plane before trenching begins.

(b) All trench backfilling shall be completed in accordance with the Town of Ranchester's "Standard Specifications for Water Distribution and Sewer Collection Systems Installations."

(c) After backfilling has been completed, the top nine inches of each trench shall be removed to a line six inches outside each trench edge. The bottom six inches of the cut out section shall be filled with six sack per cubic yard concrete. The top three inches of the cut out section shall be filled with asphaltic concrete to the specifications of the "Wyoming State Highway Department 1974 Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction." (Ord. 136, 1980)

**10-5-300. Historic U.S. 14.** As of the effective date of this Section, that portion of U.S. 14 within the corporate limits of the Town of Ranchester shall be designated, referred to, and named "Historic U.S. 14." Provided, however, that no signs, designations or other instruments erected or maintained by the State of Wyoming shall be removed, changed, or altered in any way. (Ord. 194, 1998)

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**CHAPTER 10**  
**EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL**

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**10-10-100. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Chapter:

(a) The “Administrator” is the maintenance director for the Town of Ranchester, or in his absence, his duly designated acting representative, or the Mayor.

(b) “Roadway” means that portion of a street or highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel or parking, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

(c) “Snow emergency” means any accumulation of at least three inches of snow accompanied by more snow actually falling or anticipated and forecast (to at least a 40% probability) to fall in the immediate future on the basis of a forecast by U.S. Weather Bureau or other weather service.

(d) “Street” or “Highway” means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

(e) “Town” means the Town of Ranchester or any of its authorized representatives.

(f) “Vehicle” means any motor vehicle, trailer, or other item located on a street or highway regardless of whether such vehicle is licensed or in operating condition. (Ord. 192a §A, 1997)

**10-10-110. Public Compliance Required.** Any time a Snow Emergency occurs, the public shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Chapter unless otherwise declared by the Administrator. It shall not be a defense to a violation of this Chapter that the Administrator has not made a Snow Emergency Declaration when a Snow emergency exists as defined by this Chapter. (Ord. 192a §B, 1997)

**10-10-120. Declarations of Administrator.** The Administrator may make a Snow Emergency Declaration each time a Snow Emergency exists. The Administrator may also announce a Snow Emergency, regardless of any definition in this Chapter, when the weather conditions make it necessary for motor vehicle traffic to be expedited and parking on any street or highway should be prohibited for snow plowing and/or other purposes. (Ord. 192a §B(2), 1997)

**10-10-130. Notification of Declaration.** Each Snow Emergency Declaration may be made by notification to local public media as appropriate under the circumstances. Each Declaration shall describe the action taken by the Administrator in such detail as is appropriate and possible under the circumstances. The Administrator shall make or cause to be made a record of each time and date when a Declaration is announced to the public in accordance with this section. The Snow Emergency Declaration may include such emergency measures and restrictions as are reasonably necessary to protect the public during the Snow Emergency, including but not limited to the closing of streets to vehicular traffic and the forbidding of non-emergency driving. (Ord. 192a §B(2), 1997)

**10-10-140. Termination of Snow Emergency.** Whenever the Administrator has declared a Snow Emergency, the Administrator shall, after finding that such conditions no longer exist, declare the Snow Emergency terminated by notifying the same media utilized to inform the public of the emergency. (Ord. 192a §B(3), 1997)

**10-10-150. Precedence of Declaration.** Any provisions of the Chapter which becomes effective by declaration of the Administrator shall, while temporarily in effect, take precedence over other conflicting provisions of law normally in effect, except that it shall not take precedence over provisions of law relating to traffic accidents, emergency travel, or authorized emergency vehicles, or emergency traffic directions by a police officer or sheriff's officer. Once in effect, any prohibition under this Chapter shall remain in effect until terminated and no person shall park or drive any motor vehicle in violation of the terms of a Snow Emergency Declaration. (Ord. 192a §B(4), 1997)

**10-10-160. Parking Prohibited.** Parking on any public street or highway is completely prohibited, on both sides, during the existence of a Snow Emergency. (Ord. 192a §C(1), 1997)

**10-10-170. Parking After Snow Removal.** Once in effect, prohibition under this Chapter shall remain in effect until the street or highway has been plowed and the snow is no longer accumulating or predicted to accumulate. While the prohibition is in effect, no person shall park or allow to remain parked any vehicle on any portion of any street or highway. However, nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision, ordinance, or law. (Ord. 192a §C(2), 1997)

**10-10-180. Notification of Owners.** Whenever practical, and the owner of a vehicle in violation of this Chapter is ascertainable, the Sheriff or the Town shall notify the owner of such violation before the vehicle is towed or removed. However, in no event shall an owner be contacted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (Ord. 192a §C(3), 1997)

**10-10-190. Impoundment of Vehicles.** Members of the Sheriff's Department are hereby authorized to remove or have removed a vehicle from a street to a facility designated or maintained by the Sheriff's Department when:

(a) The vehicle is parked on part of a Snow Route on which a parking prohibition is in effect;

(b) The vehicle is parked in violation of any parking ordinance or other provision of law and is interfering or about to interfere with the snow removal operations, or is parked or abandoned in violation of a Snow Emergency Declaration. (Ord. 192a §C(4a), 1997)

**10-10-200. Notice of Impoundment; Owner Known.** Whenever an officer removes or has a vehicle removed from a street as authorized in this Chapter and the officer knows or is able, with the exercise of reasonable diligence under the circumstances, to ascertain the name and address of the owner of such vehicle, the officer shall as soon as practical give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the removal of the vehicle, the reasons for the removal, and the place to which the vehicle has been removed. (Ord. 192a §C(4b), 1997)

**10-10-210. Impoundment; Owner Unknown.** Whenever an officer removes or has removed a vehicle from a street or highway under this Chapter and does not know and is not able to ascertain the name of the owner, or for any reason is unable to give notice to the owner as provided in this Chapter, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of three days, the officer shall immediately send or cause to be sent a written report of such removal by mail to the Wyoming state agency whose duty it is to register motor vehicles. The notification shall state the reasons for removal and the location where the vehicle is stored. (Ord. 192a §C(4c), 1997)

**10-10-220. Recovery By Owner.** Any person whose vehicle has been removed in accordance with this Chapter shall recover such vehicle as provided herein. Before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be allowed to recover it from the place where it has been placed or impounded, he shall present to a member of the Sheriff's Department, evidence of his identity and right to possession of the vehicle and shall sign a receipt for its return. (Ord. 192a §C(4d), 1997)

**10-10-230. Record of Impounded Vehicles.** It shall be the duty of the Sheriff's department to keep a record of each vehicle removed in accordance with this Chapter. The records shall include a description of the vehicle, its license number, the date and time of its removal, where it was removed from, its location, the name and address of its owner and last operator (if known), its final disposition and the parking violation involved. (Ord. 192a §C(4e), 1997)



**10-10-240. Authority Supplemental.** This Chapter shall be supplemental to any other provisions of law granting members of the Sheriff's department authority to remove vehicles. (Ord. 192a §C(4f), 1997)

**10-10-250. Evidence of Violation.** In any prosecution with regard to a vehicle parked or left in a place or in a condition in violation of any provision of this Chapter, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked or left in violation of a provision of this Chapter, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the defendant was the person who parked or left the vehicle in violation of this Chapter. (Ord. 192a §C(5), 1997)

**10-10-260. Penalties.** Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00, plus all costs incurred in removing any vehicle parked in violation of this Chapter. (Ord. 192a §D, 1997)

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**PARK TRUST FUND**

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**10-15-100. Park Trust Fund Established.** There is hereby established the Ranchester Park Trust Fund (“Fund”). (Ord. 166 §1, 1993)

**10-15-110. Receipt of Gifts.** The Town may receive bequests, gifts, and donations of all kinds of property, acceptable to the Town Council to the Fund. (Ord. 166 §2, 1993)

**10-15-120. Transfer of Assets Authorized.** The Town Council may transfer assets from existing funds and accounts to the Fund. (Ord. 166 §3, 1993)

**10-15-130. Use of Fund.** All money or property held by the Fund shall be used for constructing, operating, maintaining and repairing parks and recreational areas and for the payment of administrative expenses of the Fund. (Ord. 166 §4, 1993)

**10-15-140. Town Council Approval Required.** All expenditures of the Fund’s principal or income must be authorized or approved by the Town Council. (Ord. 166 §5, 1993)

**10-15-150. Advisory Committee Established.** A Ranchester Park Trust Fund Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) is established. The Advisory Committee shall consist of nine persons, five of whom shall be the Mayor and the four council members of the Town of Ranchester. The members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor and will serve three year terms, which are staggered. These staggered terms will begin with one, two and three year terms. After this, appointments will be for three years. The Mayor shall serve as Chairman of the Advisory Committee. The members of the Advisory Committee shall serve until removed either by the Mayor or by a vote of the Town Council. The Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the Town Council concerning the development, construction, maintenance, improvement, and operation of parks and recreation areas and concerning events and activities to be held in the parks and recreation areas. The Advisory Committee shall serve strictly in an advisory capacity, and the advice and recommendations of the Advisory Committee shall not be binding upon the Town Council. All decisions will be by vote of the governing body (Mayor and Town Council). Meetings of the

Advisory Committee shall be held at the call of the Chairman or upon written request of no less than three Advisory Committee members. The Advisory Committee shall develop a long-term plan for the development, construction, maintenance and improvements in the parks and recreation areas, including funding to carry out the long-term plan, and make amendments to the plan from time to time. (Ord. 166 §6, 1993)

