

Trooper Gabe Rich and Trooper Scott Johnson Memorial Park

Rules and Regulations

Definitions

- **Memorial Park:** The property owned by the City of North Pole, located at Block 1, Lot 9 in the Morning Star Subdivision.
- **Memorial Committee:** Individuals appointed by the Mayor of the City of North Pole, with final authority over all matters related to the Memorial Park and its rules.
- **Residency:** Determined by the Memorial Committee, requiring a physical residential address within the Fairbanks North Star Borough for the majority of the year prior to the individual's death.

Visiting the Memorial Park

1. **Access:** The Memorial Park is open to visitors at all times.
2. **Vehicles and Equipment:**
 - Motorized vehicles must be parked in designated areas and are prohibited within the park boundaries.
 - Bicycles, skateboards, and rollerblades are not permitted inside the park.
 - Wheelchairs and strollers are allowed.
3. **Memorial Items:** All memorials, markers, or embellishments require approval from the Memorial Committee.
4. **Pets:**
 - Leashed pets are permitted.
 - Owners must clean up pet waste and ensure pets do not cause disturbances or damage property.
 - Pets causing issues may be banned from the park.
5. **Prohibited Activities:**
 - Alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.
 - Soliciting, sleeping, or camping is not allowed.
6. **Property Protection:**

- Removal or vandalism of decorations, memorials, or park property constitutes theft or criminal mischief and will be prosecuted under Alaska State law.

7. Maintenance:

- Flowers, signs, or other items may be removed at the discretion of maintenance staff, with reasonable care applied.

Memorials

1. Plaque Placement: The Memorial Committee determines the placement and design of memorial plaques.

2. Application Process:

- Applications for memorial consideration must be submitted to the Memorial Committee.
- Only approved individuals may have memorials placed on the memorial wall or within the park.

3. Unauthorized Items:

- Non-approved memorials (except flowers) will be removed and discarded.
- The City of North Pole and Memorial Committee are not liable for disposed unauthorized items.

4. Condition of Memorials:

- The Memorial Committee may address any memorials or fixtures that become unsightly, dilapidated, or hazardous.

Criteria for Memorial Wall Inclusion

1. Committee Authority: The Memorial Committee has sole discretion over inclusion decisions, with appeals directed to the North Pole City Council.

2. Application Eligibility:

- Only next of kin, their designee, or the Memorial Committee may apply. (The Memorial Committee may apply on behalf of any individual at their discretion; recommendations are welcome from anyone.)
- Applications must be complete and approved by the Committee.

3. Eligibility Requirements:

- The individual must have been a resident of the geographical boundaries known as the Fairbanks North Star Borough at the time of death.
- The individual must have been actively engaged in official duties for country, state, or municipality at the time of death.
- The individual must not have been engaged in misconduct, gross negligence, or criminal activity at the time of death.
- Death must not have resulted from substance abuse.
- If death was ruled a suicide, the Committee must confirm it was related to a medically documented condition (e.g., PTSD).
- Non-employment-related deaths due to natural causes are ineligible.

Application Process

Submission Instructions

- Complete the application form and submit it to: **City of North Pole, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, AK 99705, Attn: North Pole Memorial Park Committee** or email to memorialpark@northpolepolice.org.

