

**MILLCREEK, UTAH**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 26-04**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM  
MUNICIPAL PICKLEBALL COURTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Millcreek City Council (the “*Council*”) met in regular session on January 12, 2026, to consider, among other things, an ordinance prohibiting the removal of snow and ice from municipal pickleball courts; and

**WHEREAS**, Utah municipalities are authorized under Utah Code § 10-8-84 and § 10-9a-801 to regulate the use, maintenance, and protection of municipal parks and recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal outdoor pickleball courts are constructed with specialized surfacing systems that are susceptible to damage from mechanical snow removal, scraping, sweeping, or the application of de-icing chemicals; and

**WHEREAS**, removal of snow or ice from pickleball courts may create unsafe playing conditions and increase the risk of personal injury and premature deterioration of public facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to protect public assets, reduce maintenance and replacement costs, and promote public safety during winter conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the following be adopted to the Millcreek Code of Ordinances:

**13.04.300 PROHIBITION OF THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM  
MUNICIPAL PICKLEBALL COURTS**

13.04.301 Definitions

As used in this Section:

“Pickleball Court” means any outdoor court owned, operated, leased, or maintained by the City that is designated for the sport of pickleball, whether for exclusive or shared recreational use.

“Snow Removal” means any activity intended to remove or mitigate snow or ice, including but not limited to shoveling, plowing, scraping, brushing, sweeping, blowing, or applying salt, sand, chemicals, or de-icing agents.

“Person” means any individual, group, organization, or entity, whether public or private.

### 13.04.302 Prohibition on Snow and Ice Removal

#### A. General Prohibition.

No person shall be allowed to use the Pickleball court when it is locked or signed “closed,” deemed closed, or may remove, attempt to remove, or cause the removal of snow or ice from any City pickleball court.

#### B. Methods Prohibited.

The use of hand tools, mechanical equipment, or chemical de-icing agents on pickleball courts for the purpose of snow or ice removal is prohibited.

#### C. Seasonal Closure.

Pickleball courts shall be deemed closed to public use whenever snow or ice is present on the playing surface, regardless of whether signage is posted or the courts are locked.

#### D. Closure.

Exception of the prohibition set forth above does not apply to:

1. City employees or authorized contractors performing maintenance, inspection, or repair activities expressly approved by the Parks and Recreation Director, Public Works Director, or City Manager; or
2. Emergency actions taken by the City to address an imminent threat to public health or safety.

### 13.04.303 Enforcement

A. The City Employees, Code Enforcement, or Police Department may enforce this Ordinance.

B. Authorized personnel may issue citations, require cessation of prohibited activity, and document damage to City property.

### 13.04.304 Penalties

A. A violation of this Ordinance constitutes an infraction and a penalty for violations of the provisions shall be a fine of one thousand dollars.

B. In addition to any fine, a violator may be held financially responsible for the cost of repairing or resurfacing any damage caused to a pickleball court.

C. Each act of violation constitutes a separate offense.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**MILLCREEK**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheri Jackson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Elyse Sullivan, City Recorder

Roll Call Vote:		
Jackson	Yes	No
Catten	Yes	No
DeSirant	Yes	No
Handy	Yes	No
Uipi	Yes	No

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

I, the duly appointed recorder for Millcreek, hereby certify that:  
ORDINANCE 26-04: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND  
ICE FROM MUNICIPAL PICKLEBALL COURTS was adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026  
and that a copy of the foregoing Ordinance 26-04 was posted in accordance with Utah Code 10-  
3-711 this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2026.

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Elyse Sullivan, City Recorder