
REQUEST	Text amendment to 1) add a definition for pet crematoriums, 2) allow them in the I-1 and I-2 zoning districts, by right, and 3) add them in the Use Table.
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The new definition for “pet crematoriums” is proposed to differentiate them from “crematoriums”. Pet crematoriums are proposed to be allowed by right in the I-1 and I-2 industrial districts.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends that the text amendment be approved, with modifications to the definition, plus modifications to the definition of “crematories”. When modified, the amendment would be consistent with adopted plans and policies.
Petitioner Agent/Representative	Faithful Companion Memorials Bailey Patrick, Jr and Colin W. Brown
Community Meeting	Not required.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

- **Background and Current Regulations**

- Currently, the Zoning Ordinance includes a definition for “crematoriums” that reads as follows: “A location or building containing properly installed, certified apparatus intended for use in the act of cremation of the remains of deceased persons or animals.”
- Crematoriums for deceased persons are currently permitted by right in O-1, O-2, O-3, B-1, B-2, and UMUD, and with prescribed conditions in residential districts (but only as an accessory use within a cemetery of 100 acres or more, and with prescribed conditions).
- Crematories for deceased animals, although defined, are not listed as a permitted use in the Zoning Ordinance.

- **Analysis of Text Amendment**

Staff supports the proposed text amendment, with one modification to the definition, plus several modifications of the existing definition for “crematories”. First, the existing definition of “crematories” should be amended to remove the reference to animals, and to add language to ensure that the crematory is located within an enclosed building. The recommended definition would read as follows:

“A location within an enclosed building, or a building containing properly installed, certified apparatus intended for use in the act of cremation of the remains of deceased persons ~~or animals~~.”

Second, staff recommends that the definition of “pet crematory” be modified along the same lines, and that the term “household” is replaced with “domestic” animals, to limit the crematory to the cremation to “pets”.

“A location within an enclosed building, or a building containing properly installed, certified apparatus intended for use in the act of cremation of the remains of deceased ~~household~~ domestic animals.”

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE (see full department reports online)

- **CDOT:** No issues.
- **Charlotte Fire Department:** No comments received.

CATS: No issues.

Storm Water: No comments received.

Schools: Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN (see full department reports online)

Storm Water: No comments received.

LUESA: No comments received.

SITE DESIGN:
Not applicable.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

1. The petitioner should amend the definition of "pet crematory" by adding language to ensure that the crematory is located within an enclosed building, and that it will serve deceased domesticated animals, i.e. pets.
 2. The petitioner should amend the definition of "crematories" to exclude the reference to animals, and add language to ensure that the crematory is located within an enclosed building.
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CATS Review

CDOT Review

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