

CITY OF SMYRNA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Russell Martin, AICP, Community Development Director
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Date: November 6, 2024

CC: Joe Bennett, City Administrator
Planning and Zoning Board

RE: **Zoning Code Amendment – Animal Crematory**

BACKGROUND

Community Development is proposing a code amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow animal cremation as a permitted use within the Office-Distribution (OD) zoning district. The Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning district allows human and animal crematories, but no other zoning district allows animal cremation as a singular use.

ANALYSIS

Community Development has reviewed the City's Zoning Ordinance and found that animal and human crematories are identified as permitted use within the Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning district. However, animal cremation is not permitted in any other zoning district. The proposed code amendment would allow animal cremation as a permitted use within the Office-Distribution zoning district.

Community Development is proposing to amend Section 713 of the Zoning Ordinance to add animal cremation as a permitted use under the Office-Distribution (OD) zoning district.

STAFF COMMENTS

Community Development proposes the following code amendment to allow animal cremation as a permitted use within the Office-Distribution zoning district. Therefore, Community Development recommends approval of the proposed code amendments below to the City's Zoning Ordinance:

Section 713 of the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to add animal crematory to the list of permitted uses under the Office-Distribution (OD) zoning district. The proposed sections shall read as follows (amended portions are highlighted).

(713.3) ~~Reserved.~~ Animal crematory.