

Amended Statement of Hardship

The applicant, Evergreen Cemetery Association, seeks a council variance to permit a use not permitted in the zoning classification of the subject property. The property is zoned SR, Suburban Residential, in the City of Columbus, and is currently used as a cemetery. The applicant would like to develop approximately 5± acres of the site, as indicated on the attached GIS map from the Franklin County Auditor's office, and conceptual site plan, with a funeral home. The funeral home use may include those services that are ordinarily associated with funeral home uses. The requested variances are as follows:

1. Columbus City Code Section 3332.029 to permit a funeral home including ancillary uses in the SR suburban residential district.
2. Columbus City Code Section 3389.04 to permit a crematory in a district other than a C-3, C-4, or M-manufacturing district.

The proposed use will not adversely affect the surrounding property or surrounding neighborhood, as it will be entirely contained within the existing Evergreen Cemetery property. The grant of the requested variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent properties, unreasonably increase the congestion of public streets, increase the danger of fires, endanger the public safety, unreasonably diminish or impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Columbus.