

City Planning Commission
Sacramento, California

Members in Session:

Subject: A. Environmental Determination

B. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to add a definition for a cemetery use and which specifies related functions that can occur within the boundaries of such use (M86-087).

Summary:

A cemetery use is permitted any zone subject to a special permit. In 1975, East Lawn Cemetery requested approval to add a mortuary function on their site on Folsom Boulevard. To accomplish this the City entertained hearings to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition for cemeteries which included funeral establishments as a related use. This request was denied in 1975 after hearing substantial opposition to the request. East Lawn has submitted a new request to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Staff has reviewed the request and recommended approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (attached).

Background:

The request for a mortuary would allow cemeteries the ability to prepare and keep the dead until services are performed. Currently this activity occurs off-site. There are issues that should be considered and that can be evaluated in determining if the added activity is appropriate for the locations requested. Among the issues would be traffic, hours of operation, location, design, etc. Staff, however, concurs with the applicant that a mortuary is a related activity with cemeteries and should be allowed on the same site if found to be compatible with the site and surrounding area.

East Lawn has indicated that the combined uses is a trend occurring more often in their industry. Staff found that five cemeteries in the Sacramento area have mortuary functions. Staff also found that other jurisdictions, including Sacramento County, allow mortuary/funeral establishments in conjunction with cemeteries. Staff is, therefore, recommending approval of the proposed text amendment.

Environmental Determination:

The Environmental Coordinator has determined that the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and has filed a negative declaration.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends the following action:

A. Ratification of the Negative Declaration;

B. Recommend adoption of the attached Zoning Ordinance amendment and forward to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Gee by [signature]
Art Gee, Principal Planner

AG:ds
Attachments



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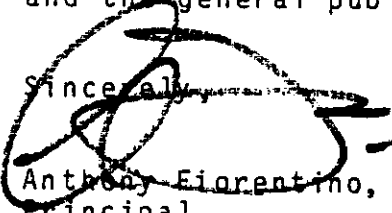
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ATTN: Dan Hendrycks
RE: EAST LAWN MORTUARY ADDITION P86300

Dear Dan,

Per your request for additional data on the history of combined cemetery and mortuary facilities I spoke with Mr. Jim Lahey, Executive Vice President of the Interment Association of California, this week, regarding the above mentioned project. According to Mr. Lahey, California has exhibited a definite trend toward combined facilities. Statistical data indicates that eleven such combinations existed in the State in 1960. Since then an additional 32 facilities have converted to combinations and to his knowledge no new cemeteries are planned today without mortuary capabilities. Additionally, according to Mr. Bob Fell, General Counsel for the American Cemetery Association, headquartered in Washington D.C., combinations are a nationwide trend. In 1983 the ACA instituted the American Cemetery Mortuary Council specifically to address the needs of this new growing group of facilities. Both gentlemen indicated that detailed statistics pertaining to combinations are difficult to obtain because there has been little need for them, but that it is generally accepted throughout the industry that such facilities are now preferred by both businesses and the general public being served at the time of need.

Sincerely,


Anthony Fiorentino, Architect
Principal

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ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 22-A-95, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-C-24, 2-E-40 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PLAN OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2550, FOURTH SERIES, RELATING TO CEMETERIES. (M86-87)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1

Section 22-A-95 is hereby added to the Comprehensive Zoning Plan of the City of Sacramento, Ordinance No. 2550, Fourth Series, to read as follows:

95: Cemetery: Land used or intended to be used for the burial of the dead and dedicated for cemetery purposes including columbariums, crematories, mausoleums and funeral establishments, when operated in conjunction with and within the boundary of such cemetery.

SECTION 2

Section 2-C-24 is hereby amended to the Comprehensive Zoning Plan of the City of Sacramento, Ordinance No. 2550, Fourth Series, to read as follows:

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24. Mortuary	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	X	X	X	X	X	X	40	40	40	40

SECTION 3

Section 2-E-40 is hereby added to the Comprehensive Zoning Plan of the City of Sacramento, Ordinance No. 2550, Fourth Series, to read as follows:

40. Mortuary shall be allowed in the zone subject to securing a special permit when used in conjunction with a cemetery.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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