

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0015
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Ramos, and President Cohen

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Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Office of Equity and Civil Rights,
Department of Finance, Planning Commission, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals,
Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Zoning – Conditional Use – Crematorium**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a stand-alone use in the Zoning Code for crematoriums; amending
4 certain related definitions; revising certain zoning tables to include the use “crematorium”;
5 making conforming changes; providing for a special effective date; and generally related to
6 creating the stand-alone use “crematorium” in the Zoning Code.

7 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,

8 Article 32 - Zoning
9 Sections 1-303(u) and 1-306(u) and Tables 7-702 and 10-301
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 BY adding

13 Article 32 - Zoning
14 Section 1-304(u)
15 Baltimore City Code
16 (Edition 2000)

17 BY renumbering

18 Article 32 - Zoning
19 Sections 1-304(u) through (z)
20 to be
21 Sections 1-304(v) through (aa), respectively
22 Baltimore City Code
23 (Edition 2000)

24 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
25 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Baltimore City Code

Article 32. Zoning

Title 1. General Provisions

Subtitle 3. Definitions

§ 1-303. “Bailbond establishment” to “Child day-care home”.

(u) *Cemetery.*

(1) *In general.*

“Cemetery” means land used or dedicated to the burial of the dead.

(2) *Inclusions.*

“Cemetery” includes:

[(i) a crematorium;]

(I) [(ii)] mausoleums;

(II) [(iii)] a funeral home, if operating within the boundaries of the cemetery; and

(III) [(iv)] necessary sales and maintenance facilities.

§ 1-304. “Chimney” to “Day-care center: Child”.

(U) *CREMATORIUM.*

(1) *IN GENERAL.*

“CREMATORIUM” MEANS A FURNACE WHERE A HUMAN OR ANIMAL CORPSE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IS BURNED.

(2) *INCLUSIONS.*

“CREMATORIUM” MAY INCLUDE:

(1) MAINTENANCE FACILITIES; AND

(2) SALES FACILITIES.

(V) [(u)] *Critical Area (CBCA).*

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(W) [(v)] *Critical Area Management Program (CBCA).*

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(X) [(w)] *Crude oil terminal.*

...

(Y) [(x)] *Cultural facility.*

...

(Z) [(y)] *Day-care center: Adult.*

...

(AA) [(z)] *Day-care center: Child.*

...

§ 1-306. “Encroachment” to “Golf course”.

(u) *Funeral home.*

(1) *In general.*

“Funeral home” means an establishment for preparing deceased individuals for burial or cremation and for conducting rituals before burial or cremation.

(2) *Inclusions.*

“Funeral home” includes:

[(i) chapels for viewing a deceased and for conducting rituals; and]

[(ii) a crematorium.]

(I) A CHAPEL FOR VIEWING A DECEASED AND FOR CONDUCTING RITUALS; AND

(II) SALES FACILITIES.

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Zoning Tables

***Table 7-202: Open-Space Districts –
Permitted and Conditional Uses***

Uses	Districts	Use Standards
	OS	
...		
Commercial		
Country Club	CO	
CREMATORIUM	CB	
Driving Range	CB	
...		

Table 10-301: Commercial Districts – Permitted and Conditional Uses

Uses	Districts							Use Standards
	C-1	C-1-VC	C-1-E	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	
...								
Commercial								
...								
Convention Center							P	
CREMATORIUM					P	P		
Day-Care Center: Adult or Child	CB	CB	CB	P	P	P	P	Per § 14-309
...								

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.