

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 24-0599**  
**(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Conway, Dorsey, Glover, Cohen, and Ramos

Introduced and read first time: September 30, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Planning Commission, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Baltimore City Fire Department, Parking Authority of Baltimore City

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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 New 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”.**

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(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”.**

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(U) *CREMATORIUM.*

(1) *IN GENERAL.*

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

(1) THE CONTAINER OR BAG IN WHICH THE HUMAN OR ANIMAL CORPSE IS PLACED OR TRANSPORTED; AND

(2) THE ANIMAL BEDDING, IF APPLICABLE.

(2) *INCLUSIONS.*

“CREMATORIUM”:

(1) INCLUDES MAINTENANCE FACILITIES; AND

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1 (2) MAY INCLUDE SALES FACILITIES.

2 (v) [(u)] *Critical Area (CBCA).*

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

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6 (x) [(w)] *Crude oil terminal.*

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8 (y) [(x)] *Cultural facility.*

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

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

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14 **§ 1-306. “Encroachment” to “Golf course”.**

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16 (u) *Funeral home.*

17 (1) *In general.*

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

20 (2) *Inclusions.*

21 “Funeral home” includes[:]

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

23 [(ii) a crematorium].

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**Zoning Tables**

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<i><b>Table 7-202: Open-Space Districts – Permitted and Conditional Uses</b></i>		
<b>Uses</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Use Standards</b>
	<b>OS</b>	
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<b>Commercial</b>		
Country Club	CO	
<b>CREMATORIUM</b>	<b>CB</b>	
Driving Range	CB	
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<i><b>Table 10-301: Commercial Districts – Permitted and Conditional Uses</b></i>								
<b>Uses</b>	<b>Districts</b>							<b>Use Standards</b>
	<b>C-1</b>	<b>C-1-VC</b>	<b>C-1-E</b>	<b>C-2</b>	<b>C-3</b>	<b>C-4</b>	<b>C-5</b>	
...								
<b>Commercial</b>								
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Convention Center							P	
<b>CREMATORIUM</b>					<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>		
Day-Care Center: Adult or Child	CB	CB	CB	P	P	P	P	Per § 14-309
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21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
22 enacted.