

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**  
**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**ZONING HEARING EXAMINER OFFICE**

October 6, 2021

**TO:** Jackie Brown, Director  
Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee

**FROM:** Maurene Epps McNeil  
Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner

**Re:** CB-101-2021

This bill will allow a Funeral Parlor, undertaking establishment in the I-1 Zone by right, subject to a few conditions.

First, this use is an odd one in our current ordinance. The defined use is "Funeral Home" and includes embalming, performance of autopsies, performance of ceremonies in connection with a funeral, and other similar uses. (Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Section 107.01(a)(97)) The Special Exception provisions morphed that language into "Funeral Parlor or Undertaking Establishment". I would ask the sponsor to use the defined term or even the existing one set forth in some tables, but not add the one in the bill to avoid further confusion.

The Special Exception provisions recognize the impact such uses may have on residential property and requires minimum side and rear yards o at least 50 feet when adjoining land in a residential zone, or proposed to be used for residential purposes on an approved Basic Plan, Conceptual Site plan or Detailed Site Plan. Subpart B in the new footnote does not include this language but notes that the property must be less than 500 feet from property located in the R-55 Zone. To protect any residences or potential residences I would urge that the sponsor set a minimum setback from that R-55 Zone since the use will not be required to undergo special exception review.