

August 20, 2020

Village of Arlington Heights  
 C/O: Sam Hubbard, Planning Commission  
 33 South Arlington Heights Road  
 Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-1499

**Response to Planning Commission Application Comments – Cremation by Water, PC# 20-011**

Dear Planning Commission:

The comments below are in response to the questions and comments in the Planning Commission Application follow up.

DEPARTMENT	No.	PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS	CREMATION BY WATER RESPONSES
Fire Safety Division	1	All current adopted codes shall apply.	We acknowledge.
	2	No additional comments at this time.	We acknowledge.
Public Works	1	A new RPZ must be installed for the fire suppression system and domestic water systems. The initial device must be installed immediately after the incoming water meter.	The single-story property at 11 West College Drive does not have a fire suppressant system. The landlord confirmed to coordinate the installation of an RPZ installed at the centralized water main for the property, after the incoming meter. Spoke to Don Lay and he agreed there was no need to add a fire suppressant system.
	2	The new water meter will be required for the domestic water systems.	The landlord confirmed to coordinate arrangements for new water meter installation before moving in.
	3	Including items #1 and #2 on revised plumbing plans.	We acknowledge.
Village Engineer	11	The petitioner is notified that these comments are being provided to ensure that the project meets the requirements for submittal to the Plan Commissions. Approval by the Plan Commission is not an endorsement or approval of these documents to obtain the required building permits, engineering approval, or permits required by other government or permitting agencies for construction. Detailed plan review with associated comments will be provided upon submittal of plans for a building permit. The petitioner shall acknowledge that they accept this understanding.	We acknowledge.
	12	Provided the determination letter from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District approving the output into the sanitary sewer.	We acknowledge. MWRD letter attached.
Fire Department	1	The Fire Department will defer to Don Lay from Building and Life Safety Departments as to whether the change of occupancy changes any code requirements for the existing structure.	We acknowledge.
	2	All current codes are to apply to the storage and use of any chemicals in the process.	We acknowledge.
	3	A Knox Box shall be located at the main front entrance on this new business.	We acknowledge and will install.

Community Services Bureau	1	<b>Character of Use:</b> The character of use is consistent with the area and is not a concern.	We acknowledge. No additional action required.
	2	<b>Are lighting requirements adequate?</b> Lighting should be up to Village of Arlington Heights code. The exterior of the building should be illuminated especially during night-time hours for safety, to deter criminal activity and increase surveillance/visibility - potentially reducing theft, trespassing, vandalism, underage drinking, and other criminal activity.	We acknowledge. The premises are well lit, has external surveillance cameras and are one of the reasons for selecting the location. No additional action required.
	3	<b>Present traffic problems?</b> There are no traffic problems at the location.	We acknowledge. No additional action required.
	4	<b>Traffic accidents at particular locations?</b> This is not a problem area in relation to traffic accidents.	We acknowledge. No additional action required.
	5	<b>Traffic problems that may be created by development.</b> This development should not create any additional traffic problems.	We acknowledge. No additional action required.
	6	<b>General Comments:</b> Please ensure that there is an emergency information/contact card on file with the Arlington Heights Police Department and that it is up to date. Agent contact information must be provided to the Arlington Heights Police Department during all construction phases. The form is attached. Please complete and return. This allows police department personnel to contact an agent during emergency situations or for suspicious/criminal activity on the property during all hours all hours.	We acknowledge. Emergency Information Card attached.
Planning Department	7	The following zoning approvals shall be required:	We acknowledge.
	a	Land Use Variation to allow a Crematorium in the M-1 District.	We acknowledge.
	b	Variation from Chapter 28, Section 6.12.2c, to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study by a certified traffic engineer.	We acknowledge.
	8	Section 5.1-15.5a states that all uses shall take place "without creating disturbing influences on the use and occupancy of adjoining properties." The equipment exhaust is proposed on the roof at the edge of the rear of the building, adjacent to where the property abuts single-family homes. Please provide a detail for the exhaust piping to determine if screening is required. Additionally, please confirm if there will be any odor detectable from the exterior of the building.	The exhaust piping is a standard plumbing vent line like every business and residence has in place for plumbing purposes (sinks, toilets, etc.). It is necessary in order for the appliances to fill and drain. The vent line will not be unsightly, nor will it produce any sound or odor that could be detected from the exterior of the building.
	g	Please revise the projected narrative to include the following information:	We acknowledge and will.
	a	What is your expected volume of walk-in customers on a daily or weekly basis?	The walk-in clientele will be primarily the pet operation. An expected average volume would be 1 person per day dropping off pets from the rear of the facility. In late Q4 2021 through or latest beginning of Q1 2022 there will be families coming in for preplanning consultation for loved ones weekly.
	b	Clarify if you and your wife will be the only employees, or if you will have additional employees.	The primary operators will be Philip and Colleen (on occasion). A part-time employee is targeted to start in Q4 2021.
	c	How many bodies do you expect to be processing on a daily basis when running at typical capacity?	When running at typical capacity, we cremate 2-3 bodies.
d	How long does the process take for each body?	The average human cremation will take 2.5-3 hours in the HT550.	

	10	Will Cremation by Water have a company vehicle stored onsite for transportation? Or will all transports take place in a vehicle that will be stored at home or are all incoming bodied transported by the client.	The vehicle will not be stored on property overnight. The company vehicle for pet transport will follow Philip to work and residence. Bodies will be delivered thru the rear entrance of the building, under closed overhead door.
Landscape Comments	1	The code-required screen must be provided along the West property line adjacent to the residential district. Chapter 28, Section 6.15-2.2 requires either; a 6-foot masonry wall, a 6-foot-tall solid wood fence, or an offset double row of 6-foot high densely planted landscape material that provide year-round opacity.	With respect to the existing deficiency in dense landscaping screening, the landlord was reached out to separately and will address the screen violation for the property with Derek Mach. Over the past few years, the landlord has discovered ComEd aggressively cuts back landscaping yearly and contributed to less dense landscaping.

We are look forward to seeing you on our hearing date.

Sincerely,



**Philip Flores, Jr.**  
Co-Owner & Chief Operating Officer