




**City of Long Beach**  
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# R-19

**Office of Dee Andrews**  
**Council Member, Sixth District**  
**Memorandum**

**Date:** May 17, 2011  
**To:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
**From:** Dee Andrews, Councilmember Sixth District   
**Subject:** **AGENDA ITEM:** Zone Change in PD-25 Amendment for a Crematorium

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### **DISCUSSION**

The Atlantic Avenue Planned Development District ( PD-25) is located adjacent to Atlantic Avenue from Pacific Coast Highway on the South to Willow Street on the North. Mortuaries and accessory uses, such as crematoriums, are prohibited within the boundaries of PD-25, although one mortuary currently does exist with PD-25 as a "legal non-conforming use".

It is requested that the Planning Commission undertake a study to determine whether it would be appropriate to amend the current Zoning Regulations in order to permit or conditionally permit crematoriums as accessory uses within the PD-25 Zoning District.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation: To request the Planning Commission to undertake a study relating to a potential Zone Change in PD-25 (Atlantic Avenue Planned Development District) in order to facilitate the establishment of crematoriums as a permitted, conditional, or accessory use in that Zone.

Faith Chapel Mortuary  
1870 Atlantic Ave.  
Long Beach CA 90806

Scope of Work proposed: Add a furnace for the purpose of human cremations at the existing Faith Chapel Mortuary. Furnace is to be housed in an new 23-25 x 24'-4" space at the rear of the existing building.

### FURNACE

Model SQC-300 Cremator

-22'-10" high stack

-5'-4" wide x 13'-2" long x 6'-7" high

-No odor—machine runs at 1600 degrees there is no odor at 700 degrees. Odor is incinerated.

-Noise level-40 decibels, street noise 45 decibels. Freeway noise is 60-65 decibels. Street 50 decibels.

-No visible smoke—you see heat waves. Opacity- 3min. of 10% for every hour.

-There will be a camera mounted to exterior of new addition to monitor the stack.

-New Design, high efficiency model. It's been certified by 10 labs as 99% efficient. 2 have been installed in southern CA—2 in Pico Rivera.

4 in Sacramento

Oregon, Nevada, Arizona.

### Google Search of Nearby Mortuaries

- 1) All Souls Cemetery  
4400 Cherry Ave Long Beach CA  
They offer cremations
- 2) McKenzie Mortuary Services  
3843 E. Anaheim Street, Long Beach CA  
They do offer Cremations \$855 all inclusive—transportation, forms, ashes
- 3) Holton and Son Mortuary/Stricklin,Randall  
1952 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach CA  
They do offer cremation \$1975 for basic services
- 4) Lakewood Mortuary  
5161 E. Arbor Road,

Presently, the Atlantic Avenue Planned Development Plan prohibits crematoriums in the area. Ms. Company is, however, petitioning the city to allow a new crematorium to be installed at Faith Chapel Mortuary for the following reasons:

- 1) The service will generate more business, increase tax revenue, and generate 5-7 full and part-time jobs (not including the architectural and construction jobs that would be created).
- 2) Faith Chapel Mortuary is an existing, established Mortuary that has served the community for 30 years (7 years under Ms Company). Ms. Company is endeavoring to expand her business, as well as offer a needed service in the community—cremations.
- 3) Cremations would give community members a less expensive option to burials and promote competition in the industry. A burial typically costs \$5000. Cremations cost \$1000—five times less than a typical burial. Faith Chapel's proposed Crematorium

would offer a less expensive option to burials for residents in the immediate neighborhood.

- 4) Ms. Company is an established and respected business woman in the area. She reaches out to the community in countless quiet ways. She is known to be generous, kind and caring-she does not routinely seek public recognition for her many kind acts. In line with her character and in the service of the greater community, she is prepared to offer
  - A) A 25% discount on cremations to all Long Beach City Police Officers and Fire Fighters and their families.
  - B) A 25% discount to all children who are victims of violent crimes in the City of Long Beach.



## Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Jose M. Flores  
Chair

March 18, 2011

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Vice Chair

To Whom it May Concern:

Alice Robinson  
Correspondence Secretary

Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee (CNAC) is a group of volunteer citizens who meet monthly with the City of Long Beach Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) in order to improve the quality of life in the Sixth Council District, to make presentations, conduct forums and inform the citizens of resources available.

Katherine Bayard  
Treasurer

Yvonne Booth  
Finance Committee

Recently, at the Burnett Public Library, we had the pleasure of a presentation by Mr. David A. Weaver. He came to our monthly meeting and told about creating jobs for our district, and also for furnace installation at Faith Chapel Mortuary at 1870 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Charles Wade  
Transportation

Anatoliy Yakovlev  
Graphic Engineer

After hearing the facts and listening to the enthusiasm from those in attendance, we are convinced that this is something that we need. Therefore, we the Board of Directors of Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee (CNAC) by unanimous vote add our name in endorsing the project.

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Alice Robinson  
CNAC Secretary

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Cc: Jose M. Flores  
CNAC chair



**Central Project Area Committee**  
**P.O. Box 6004, Long Beach, CA 90806**  
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March 8, 2011

Mr. David Weaver  
Faith Chapel Mortuary  
1870 Atlantic Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90806

Dear Mr. Weaver,

The Central Project Area Committee members would like to take this moment to thank you for attending our March 3, 2011 meeting and presenting us with your proposed project to add a furnace to the back of the existing business for cremation purposes.

We understand that this project will have minimum impact to the neighborhood, as well as providing several job opportunities in the construction process.

The Committee members were in favor of this project and voted unanimously to support your efforts. We were advised that the project will need a Conditional Use Permit and we will forward a copy of this letter to the Planning Commission with a recommendation that this permit be issued.

Thank you again for your time. We look forward to the completion of your project in a timely manner. If we may be of assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Annie Greenfeld-Wisner, Chair  
Central Project Area Committee

cc: 6<sup>th</sup> District Council Office  
Planning Commission

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**Monthly Meeting Date**  
**1st Thursdays**

**1900 Atlantic Ave.,**  
**2nd Fl.**

**To Reach CPAC**  
*please call*

**Pepper Russell**  
*Administrative Assistant*  
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Owner: Ms. Latasha Company  
Long Beach Colonial Mortuary  
638 Atlantic Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Design and Construction: **DAW** Design and Construction  
David Anthony Weaver  
523 32nd Street  
San Pedro, CA 90731

11/22/2010

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Proposed addition of a Human Cremation Furnace for the purpose of offering crematory services at the existing Faith Chapel Mortuary located at 1870 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 (the "Property"). The proposed furnace would be housed in a new 24' x 24' room that would be added to the rear of the existing Mortuary on the Property.

Presently, the Atlantic Avenue Planned Development Plan prohibits crematoriums in the area. Ms. Latasha Company, owner of the Property ("Ms. Company") is, however, petitioning the city to allow a new crematorium to be installed at Faith Chapel Mortuary for the following reasons:

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For the above reasons Ms. Company respectfully request that she be allowed to install a furnace for the purpose of performing cremations at Faith Chapel Mortuary.