

ORDINANCE REPEALING
AND
RE-ENACTING
THE SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS
FOR CEMETERY IN SECTION 17-607
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,
VIRGINIA:

That Section 17-607. Supplemental standards for certain land uses be and hereby is
repealed and re-enacted in part as follows:

Section 17-607. Supplemental standards for certain land uses
Cemetery.

In the A-1, A-2, and RV zoning districts, more than one (1) gravesite located on a parcel
of land constitutes a cemetery. ~~RR-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, PSF, and PG zoning districts, a
cemetery shall be either a family cemetery or shall be a cemetery accessory to a church
or other place of worship and shall be located on the same parcel as the church or other
place of worship, or on an adjoining parcel.~~

This ordinance shall be effective from the ___ day of _____, 201_.

Adopted the ___ day of _____, 201_.

Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Supervisor Cuevas

Supervisor Eberly

Supervisor Chandler

Supervisor Kyger

Supervisor Breeden

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTESTE:

Clerk

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVAL

August 5, 2016

This is a County-initiated request. This supplemental standard specifies when the burial of a person in an agricultural or RV zoning district would be considered a cemetery. With private cemeteries placed on farms, the County is normally not contacted until someone is deceased and the family determines they want to bury them on the farm. This is very difficult when a special use permit is required because of the time involved. With this amendment, the family would be able to bury one person on their farm, but prior to burying the second person on the farm (actually making it a cemetery), a special use permit would be required.

Requests for the other districts listed have all been for church cemeteries or public cemeteries which would require a special use permit before setting the property up as a cemetery. Staff recommends approval.