CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

**ORDINANCE NO. 4710**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21.04.010 USE TABLE, SECTION 21.06.050(C) OFF–STREET REQUIRED PARKING, AND SECTION 21.10.020 TERMS DEFINED CONCERNING CREMATORIES**

Recitals:

This ordinance amends the Zoning and Development Code, Title 21, of the Grand Junction Municipal Code (GJMC) to add a new category for stand-alone crematories. Current trends in the funeral home business are towards smaller more intimate settings. This necessitates the use of an off-site crematory. Individuals using the facility prefer to have the cremation facility at somewhere other than where they are making their funeral arrangements eliminating the public’s exposure to the crematory.

Allowing stand-alone crematories in other land use zones expands the opportunity to a broader area in the community in selecting an appropriate site location. Impact to community services such as transportation and utility services is very low. The use does not require “high visibility” locations.

Parking needs for a stand-alone crematory are minimal as sites typically do not have visitors, so parking is for employees and company vehicles.

Section 21.10.020 Terms defined is the Zoning and Development Code section where various terms used throughout the Code are defined to provide direction and clarity when applying the terms to in the use of the Code standards, regulations and guidelines.

After public notice and public hearing as required by the Grand Junction Zoning and Development Code, the Grand Junction Planning Commission recommended approval of amending Section 21.04.010 Use Table, Section 21.06.050(c), Off-street required parking, and Section 21.10.020 Terms defined.

The Planning Commission and City Council find that the amendment is in conformance with the stated criteria of Section 21.02.140 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:**

**1. Section 21.04.010 Use Table shall be amended with the deletion of Funeral Homes/Mortuaries/Crematories and the addition of Funeral Homes/Mortuary and Crematory as separate listings in the Institution and Civic section of the Use Table and to read as follows (deletions struck through, additions underlined and/or highlighted):**

**21.04.010 Use table.**



**2. Section 21.06.050(c) Off-street required parking be amended with addition of Crematory and Funeral Home/Mortuary under the Institutional Use categories:**



**3. Section 21.10.020 Terms defined be amended with the addition of:**

***Crematory*** An establishment for burning the bodies of deceased people / animals

***Funeral Home/Mortuary*** An establishment with facilities for the preparation of the dead for burial or internment, including cremation, for the viewing of the body, and for funeral services.

**All other parts of Section 21.04.010, Section 21.06.050(c), and Section 21.10.020 shall remain in full force and effect.**

Introduced on first reading this 6th day of July, 2016 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

Adopted on second reading this 20th day of July, 2016 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Tuin /s/ Phyllis Norris

City Clerk Mayor