

ORDINANCE NO. 688 N.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE (TITLE 21) TO ESTABLISH
 COLUMBARIUMS AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO CHURCHES
 (CITY OF PASO ROBLES)

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles has initiated Code Amendment 95001 to establish columbariums as an accessory use to churches, and

WHEREAS, columbariums are defined as a vault or other structure with recesses in the walls to receive the ashes of the dead, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Code conditionally permits cemeteries (which would include graveyards, mausoleums, columbariums), but makes no provisions for columbariums to exist independently of cemeteries, and

WHEREAS, the intent of this code amendment is to allow churches to establish columbariums at the church site where the church function would remain as the primary use of the site, and

WHEREAS, this code amendment would apply to all zoning districts where churches are conditionally permitted (which currently includes all residential zones, C-1, C-2, C-3, and M), and

WHEREAS, public hearings were conducted by the Planning Commission on February 27, 1995 and by the City Council on March 7, 1995, to consider facts as presented in the staff report and to accept public testimony regarding this proposed code amendment, and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration has been adopted for this code amendment in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 7, 1995, the City Council gave first reading to this ordinance, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 21, 1995, the City Council gave second reading to this ordinance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that the Paso Robles City Council, based upon the substantial evidence presented at the above referenced public hearings, including oral and written staff reports, finds as follows:

1. The above stated facts of this ordinance are true and correct.
2. This code amendment does not conflict with the land use policies of the General Plan and will provide for development within the City that is consistent with the General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, that the Paso Robles Municipal Code

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B. Columbariums require Site Plan approval when established as an accessory use to a church, in compliance with all applicable health and safety codes, subject to the following performance standards:

1. The columbarium shall not change the exterior appearance of the site visible from public right-of-ways and adjacent properties.
2. The columbarium structure or area of interment shall not constitute a significant portion of the site.
3. Applicants shall submit, as part of their plans, provisions for relocation of interred ashes should the church close or relocate.

C. If the required performance standards cannot be met, an amendment to the conditional use permit shall be required.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st day of March, 1995 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Iversen, Martin, Picanco, Macklin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Heggarty

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MAYOR WALTER MACKLIN

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SECTION I: Chapter 21.21 is hereby amended to add section 21.21.130 to read as follows:

21.21.130 Churches - Columbariums as an accessory use.

A. Columbariums are defined as a vault, wall, structure or other surfaces with recesses to place the ashes of the dead.

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