

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 19, 2025
Action Required:	Ordinance Adoption
Presenter:	Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development
Staff Contacts:	Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development John Hunt, Deputy City Attorney
Title:	Public Hearing and Ordinance to approve a Revocable License Agreement to Hill & Wood Funeral Service (1st Street N.) for use of public parking spaces

Background

Since approximately the 1930s, Hill & Wood Funeral Service ("H&W") has been located at 201 1st Street North in downtown Charlottesville. During this time, H&W has used courtesy signs to mark "for funeral use" up to six (6) public parking spaces located in the City right-of-way for use by attendees of the funeral or viewing. This is a common practice among funeral service businesses, especially in more developed areas. After an inquiry from a business owner, City Staff could not find a current written agreement permitting this use.

Discussion

The Revocable License Agreement ("Agreement") contemplated by the attached Ordinance would allow H&W to use six (6) on-street parking spaces along 1st Street North during funeral events. In exchange, H&W has agreed to allow public use of twelve (12) spaces within the private surface parking lot, located at 201 North 1st Street, available to the general public for parking, at no charge, every day of the week, provided a funeral event is not scheduled. The attached Agreement is for a period of five (5) years. Additional details and the specific obligations of the parties can be found in the attached Agreement.

This item connects with the Transportation elements of the City Council's Strategic Plan.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This item has no budgetary impact. This item connects with the Transportation elements of the Council Strategic Plan.

Community Engagement

Following the conducting of Public Hearing as legally required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B), City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Ordinance approving the Agreement with H&W.

Budgetary Impact

"I make a Motion adopting the attached Ordinance approving the Agreement with H&W."

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance

Alternatives**Attachments**

1. Hill Wood + City Parking Agreement 04.16.25
2. Hill & Wood RLA Ordinance