

February 14, 2019

Dear Neighbors of Oak Lawn Cemetery:

On Monday, February 25, 2019, the City of Olathe will be reviewing a proposal from Service Corporation International, a large publicly traded conglomerate, to request a special use permit in order to build a funeral home on the grounds of Oak Lawn Cemetery.

I have been a resident of Olathe for 35 years, and I love this family-friendly community. I raised my children here, and have developed strong relationships with friends and neighbors over the years.

I also own burial lots in Oak Lawn Cemetery and my husband and I intend for this be our final resting place.

When my husband and I began planning for our final arrangements, we made deeply personal decisions based on the location and condition of Oak Lawn. The cemetery is beautiful, well-maintained and very quiet. There isn't an excess of noise or traffic, and it is surrounded by families.

Oak Lawn is our chosen final resting place. Not once did we think that the new owners of Oak Lawn would destroy the environment in order to build a commercial business. There was no reason for us to believe this would happen. It's deeply disappointing to think that the City of Olathe would even consider disrupting an area considered to be sacred by many of our friends and neighbors in the Olathe community. Even more disappointing is the lack of consideration to the many individuals, families and loved ones already interred at Oak Lawn.

As a lifelong resident of Olathe and property owner at Oak Lawn, I urge you to consider sharing your concerns with the City of Olathe.

Written concerns for public record must be submitted by Tuesday, February 19, 2019. You can submit written comments by email to planningcontact@olatheks.org or by mail to City of Olathe, Planning Division, PO Box 868, Olathe, KS 66051-0768. They must include:

- Your name and address
- Date of your comment
- Project Name: "SU 18-0009 Request approval for special use permit to allow funeral home in the AG District; Oak Lawn Memorial Cemetery, located at 13901 S. Black Bob Road"
- Your comments – specifics are very helpful

Further, public comments can also be shared in person at the Planning Commission Meeting:

Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe Street

For neighbors within 200 feet of Oak Lawn who wish to oppose this development, there will be a formal petition available for you to sign at the conclusion of the meeting.

Sincerely

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