

Nelson,

I have been thinking about this issue for the last week trying to see if there was an opening under the ordinance to allow this to happen. My job is to generally find a path forward.

I do not think that you can operate that business in your district as it is not listed as an allowed use in your zone. The only opening that you have is to possibly meet the terms of Home Occupation provision. However, I do not feel that you can meet all of the elements needed to qualify for one. I attach the zoning regulations for your review:

See Section 406.1 and 406.2.

Therefore, my opinion is that cremating pets is not typically done in a residential neighborhood which is a requirement of that section and therefore, the operation is not permissible.

All that said, you have a right appeal my decision to the Development Review Board. To appeal, please submit a letter of appeal to me plus \$65 payable to the town of Danville and with a write-up of your business plan and facility. Once I have that information, I can submit to the Board and advertise your appeal for a hearing. I suspect the hearing can be scheduled the first Wednesday in March.

February 13, 2023

Dennis Marquise  
Zoning Administrator  
Town of Danville  
36 Route 2 West  
Danville, VT 05828

Dear Dennis,

I am sending this letter to appeal your decision to the Development Review Board regarding a small pet cremation facility at my home.

I would like to start a small business out of my current home garage. The small business operation that I am proposing would be a part-time small pet cremation business out of the 12' x 12' section of my garage. I do not expect to do more than 1 or 2 cremations per week in the first couple of years of my business. Once the business is established and running smoothly, I would expect to only do 4 to 5 cremations per week. The run time for each cremation is about an hour or less.

There would be no added traffic in the neighborhood as I would be the one transporting 90% of the animals to be cremated. This would be done on my way to/from my current full-time job. My location is unique as my facility would be my current garage which is located at the back of my property, not viewable from the street or surrounding neighbors.

There is another small pet cremation facility in Northfield, VT which is also run out of a garage in a residential neighborhood.

The equipment that would be being used does not create smoke or odor. I have information from the manufacturer regarding the incinerator to be used.

I look forward to discussing this small business opportunity with you further.

Thank you,

Nelson Dodge  
148 Cedar Lane  
Danville, VT 05828



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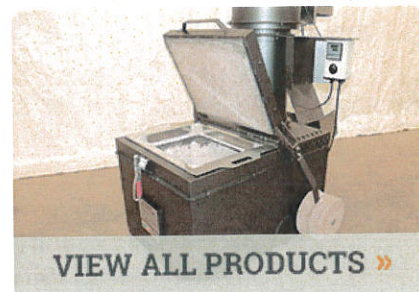
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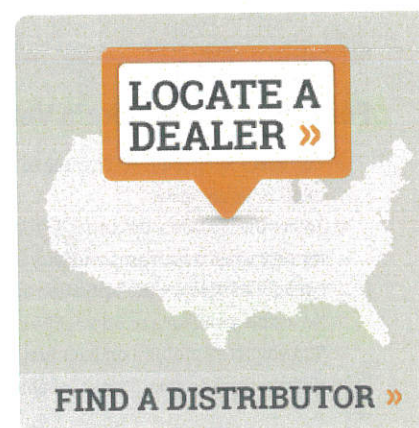
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