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## ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 28, 2013  
**To:** John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services  
**From:** Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official  
Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner for Current Planning  
**Cc:** Walter Enright, sign-maker for the applicant  
Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development  
Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor  
**RE: Request for a Special Permit for a free-standing sign**

Applicant: Burke & Blackington Funeral Home	
Site: 1479 Washington Street	SBL: 33 05 04
Zoning: BU2	Lot Area: 8,990 square feet
Current use: Funeral home	Proposed use: No change

### BACKGROUND:

The property at 1479 Washington Street consists of a 8,990 square foot corner lot improved with a newly reconstructed funeral home. The applicant proposes to place a 48" h X 42" w free-standing sign in front of the building facing Washington Street. The applicant has been before the Urban Design Commission and has received their approval for the proposed sign. A 2010 special permit (B.O. 300-10) allowed for the expansion of the legally nonconforming structure and use, but did not address a free-standing sign. No special permit could be found in the records for a free-standing sign on the site, and thus a new special permit is required.

The following review is based on plans and materials submitted to date as noted below.

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Walter Enright, sign-maker, dated 4/16/13
- Sign permit application, prepared by Walter Enright, sign-maker, dated 2/7/13
- Sign permit site plan, signed and stamped by Bradley J. Simonelli, dated 3/25/13
- Photos of proposed sign and location, undated

**ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:**

1. Section 30-20(f)(9) requires a special permit from the Board of Aldermen for a free-standing sign.

1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required		
Ordinance		Action Required
§30-20(f)(9)	Free-standing sign	S.P. per §30-24