

STAFF REPORT  
April 22, 2004

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**No. 04OA005 - Ordinance Amendment**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	City of Rapid City
REQUEST	<b>No. 04OA005 - Ordinance Amendment</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	To allow monument sales and engraving as a conditional use in the General Commercial Zoning District by amending Section 17.18.030 of the Rapid City Municipal Code
DATE OF APPLICATION	03/25/2004
REPORT BY	Karen Bulman

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Ordinance Amendment to allow Monument Sales and Engraving as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial Zoning District by amending Section 17.18.030 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be approved.

GENERAL COMMENTS: On March 28, 2004, the Planning Commission approved a request to sponsor an amendment to the Rapid City Municipal Code to allow Monument Sales and Engraving as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial Zoning District.

STAFF REVIEW: Staff has reviewed the request to add monument sales and engraving as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial Zoning District and noted the following issues:

Noise, dust and vibrations:

Staff has concerns regarding the possibility of excess noise, dust and vibrations associated with the engraving of monuments. Therefore, any engraving work must be done within an enclosed area. Noise, dust and vibrations must be kept in an enclosed building and follow appropriate OSHA guidelines.

Outdoor activities:

Staff has further concerns about the outdoor display, inventory or sales of monuments. In addition, staff does not feel the use of cranes or permanent equipment used to load or unload monuments is in the general retail business description of the General Commercial Zoning District. As such, in order to be consistent with the general description of the General Commercial Zoning District, any outdoor activities, such as cranes or equipment used to load or unload monuments; or any displays, inventory or sales of monuments, shall not be allowed.

It appears that the addition of the Monument Sales and Engraving as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial Zoning District would be in harmony with other uses in the General Commercial Zoning District and would not be injurious to the surrounding area if the specified guidelines were applied. Staff is recommending the Ordinance Amendment to add

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Section 17.18.030 (31) Monument Sales and Engraving to the Rapid City Municipal Code be approved.