

EXPLANATORY COVER SHEET

COUNCILMAN'S BILL NO. CB-1561

SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER LINDSEY

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PICKETING AT FUNERALS

PURPOSE: TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DECEASED INDIVIDUALS DURING FUNERAL CEREMONIES BY LIMITING THE HOURS DURING WHICH PROTESTS MAY BE HELD WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE FUNERAL SITE

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY REMARKS:

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WHEREAS, families have a substantial interest in organizing and attending funerals for deceased relatives;

WHEREAS, the interests of families in privately and peacefully mourning the loss of deceased relatives are violated when funerals are targeted for picketing and other public demonstrations;

WHEREAS, picketing of funerals causes emotional disturbance and distress to grieving families who participate in funerals;

WHEREAS, full opportunity exists under the terms and provisions of this section for the exercise of freedom of speech and other constitutional rights at times other than the period from one hour before the scheduled commencement of a funeral until one hour after the completion of the funeral; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, therefore, determines it is necessary to enact this section in order to protect the privacy of grieving families, and to preserve the peaceful character of funeral sites.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. A new Section 9-4-14 is hereby added to the Northglenn Municipal Code, which shall read as follows:

Section 9-4-14. Funeral Picketing.

(a) Definitions.

(1) "Funeral" means the ceremonies, rituals, processions, and memorial services held at a funeral site in connection with the burial, cremation, or memorial of a deceased person.

(2) "Funeral site" means a church, synagogue, mosque, funeral home, mortuary, cemetery, gravesite, mausoleum, or other place at which a funeral is conducted.

(3) "Picketing" means public protest activities of any form engaged in by

a person or persons at a funeral site.

(b) Unlawful Activity. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly engage in picketing within five hundred feet of a funeral site during the period from one hour before the scheduled commencement of a funeral until one hour after the completion of the funeral.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this ____ day of _____,
2006.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA L. LENTZ, CMC
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ____ day of _____,
2006.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney