

**TOWN of SURGOINSVILLE  
BOARD of MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**Public Hearing Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, @ 6:15 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Graham requested a roll call for the record of attendance as follows:

**Present**

Mayor Graham  
Alderman Collier  
Alderman Sandidge  
Alderman Bishop  
Alderman Hoss

**Absent**

Vice-Mayor Jarnagin  
Alderman Mierek

Mayor Graham announced a Public Hearing at 6:17pm for Ordinance No. 193-2026, which is an ordinance to Amend Title 14, Zoning and Land Use Control, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, to Establish a Minimum Livable Floor Area Requirement for Dwelling Units.

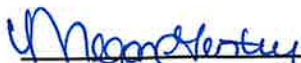
Visitors in attendance include: Sarah Monoson with *The Kingsport Times News*, Tim Carwile, Cheryl Battaglia, John Cate with *The Rogersville Review*, Mart Williams, Joshua Googe, Sharon Googe

Joshua Googe states that he resides at 238 Dogwood Drive and has questions regarding these conditions. Googe asked if this applied the same to both private citizen and developers. States that it isn't fair to place a minimum. Attorney Joe May spoke to this and referenced subdivision requirements. May also added that this is so smaller homes, often referred to as tiny homes, can be developed. May states that there is no difference for private owners or developers. Googe states that it feels like you are taking freedom away from landowners. Police Chief Hammonds, secretary of the Planning Commission, stated that there is already a minimum livable floor area requirement in place. This is currently 1200 sq. ft. and this ordinance would allow a decrease to 800 sq. ft. which could accommodate a 2 bedroom/1 bath. Vice-Mayor Collier explained that this decrease in the required square footage was to help with affordable housing. Googe verbalized understanding. Mayor Graham confirmed that all questions and concerns had been resolved.

Public Hearing closed at 6:48 pm.

  
**Merrell Graham, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Megan Gentry, City Recorder**