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**14-101. Creation and membership.** Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-4-101 there is hereby created a municipal planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The planning commission shall consist of seven (7) members each of whom shall be a resident of the planning area; two (2) of these shall be the mayor or a person designated by the mayor and another member of the board of mayor and aldermen selected by the board of mayor and aldermen; the other five (5) members shall be appointed by the mayor. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the five (5) members appointed by the mayor shall be for five (5) years each. The five (5) members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), three (3), four (5) and five (5) years respectively so that the term of one (1) member expires each year. The terms of the mayor and the member selected by the board of mayor and aldermen shall run concurrently with their terms of office. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor, who shall also have the authority to remove any appointive member at his will and pleasure. (1992 Code, § 14-101, as amended by Ord. #64-2007, June 2007)

**14-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc.** The planning commission shall be organized and shall carry out its powers, functions, and duties in accordance with all applicable provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 13. (1992 Code, § 14-102)

**14-103. Additional powers.**<sup>1</sup> Having been designated as a regional planning commission, the municipal planning commission shall have the additional powers granted by, and shall otherwise be governed by the provisions of the state law relating to regional planning commissions. (1992 Code, § 14-103)

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<sup>1</sup>To make this section effective the municipality should request the State Planning Office, under authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-3-102 to designate the municipal planning commission as a regional planning commission.

## CHAPTER 2

### ZONING ORDINANCE

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**14-201. Authority.** An ordinance, in pursuance of the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 13-701 through 13-710 and § 13-716, for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and general welfare; to provide for the establishment of districts within the corporate limits; to regulate, within such districts, the location, height, bulk, number of stories and size of buildings and structures, the percentage of lot occupancy, the required open spaces, the density of population and the uses of land, buildings and structures; to provide methods of administration of this ordinance and to prescribe penalties for the violation thereof. (Authority) (1992 Code, § 14-201, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Surgoinsville:

**14-202. Short title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee," and the map herein referred to, which is identified by the title "Zoning Map of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee," dated December 18, 1975<sup>1</sup> and all explanatory matter

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<sup>1</sup>This map has been amended by ordinances of record in the office of the recorder.

thereon are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance. (1992 Code, § 14-202, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-203. Purpose.** The zoning regulations and districts as herein set forth have been made in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the community. They have been designed to lessen congestion in the streets, to secure safety from fire, flood, panic and overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population, to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements. They have been made with reasonable consideration, among other things, as to the character of each district and its particular suitability for particular uses, and with a view of conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the town. (1992 Code, § 14-203, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-204. Definitions.** Unless otherwise stated the following words shall, for the purpose of this ordinance, have the meaning herein indicated. Words used in the present tense include the future. The singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular. The word "shall" is mandatory, not directory. The word "used" or "occupied" as applied to any land or building shall be construed to include the word "intended," arranged or designed to be used or occupied.

(1) "Alley:" Any public or private way set aside for public travel, twenty (20) feet or less in width.

(2) "Boarding or rooming house:" A building containing a single dwelling unit and not more than five guest rooms where lodging is provided with or without meals for compensation.

(3) "Buffer strip:" A plant material acceptable to the building inspector which has such growth characteristics as will provide an obscuring screen not less than six (6) feet in height.

(4) "Building:" Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended for the shelter, housing or enclosure of persons, animals, or chattel.

(a) "Principal building:" A building in which is conducted the main or principal use of the lot on which said building is located.

(b) "Accessory building or use:" A building or use customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal building or use and located on the same lot with such building or use.

(5) "Building height:" The vertical distance measured from the finished grade at the building line to the highest point of the roof.

(6) "Business sign:" A sign which directs attention to a business or profession conducted on the premises. A "For Sale" sign or a "To Let" sign for the property on which it is displayed shall be deemed a business sign.

(7) "Dwelling:" A building designed or used as the permanent living quarters for one or more families.

(8) "Family:" One or more persons occupying a premise and living together as a single housekeeping unit.

(9) "Lot:" A parcel of land which fronts on and has access to a public street and which is occupied or intended to be occupied by a building or buildings with customary accessories and open space.

(a) "Lot line:" The boundary dividing a given lot from a street, alley, or adjacent lots.

(b) "Lot of record:" A lot, the boundaries of which are filed as legal record.

(10) "Mobile home:" A detached single-family dwelling unit with all of the following characteristics: Designed for long-term occupancy, and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath, and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems; designed to be transported after fabrication on its own wheels, or on flatbed or other trailers or detachable wheels; and arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete, including major appliances and furniture, and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on foundation supports, connection to utilities, and the like.

(11) "Mobile home park:" Shall mean any plot of ground containing a minimum of two acres upon which two (2) or more mobile homes are located or are intended to be located (does not include sites where unoccupied mobile homes are on display for sale).

(12) "Nonconforming use:" Any structure or land lawfully occupied by a use that does not conform to the use regulations of the district in which it is situated.

(13) "Nursing home:" One licensed by the State of Tennessee.

(14) "Outdoor advertising:" An attached, free standing or structural poster panel or painted or lighted sign for the purpose of conveying some information, knowledge or idea to the public.

(15) "Story:" That portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above; or any portion of a building used for human occupancy between the topmost floor and the roof. A basement not used for human occupancy other than for a janitor or domestic employee shall not be counted as a story.

(16) "Street:" Any public or private way set aside for public travel, twenty-one (21) feet or more in width. The word "street" shall include the words "road," "highway" and "thoroughfare."

(17) "Structure:" Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground, or attachment to something having location on the ground.

(18) "Total floor area:" The area of all floors of a building including finished attic, finished basement and covered porches.

(19) "Yard:" An open space on the same lot with a principal building, open, unoccupied and unobstructed by buildings from the ground to the sky except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.

(a) "Front yard:" The yard extending across the entire width of the lot between the front lot line and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches.

(b) "Side yard:" A yard extending along the side lot line from the front yard to the rear yard, and lying between the side lot line and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches.

(c) "Rear yard:" The yard extending across the entire width of the lot between the rear lot line and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches. (1992 Code, § 14-204, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-205. Classification of districts.** (1) For the purpose of this ordinance, Surgoinsville, Tennessee is hereby divided into eight (8) districts, designated as follows:

Residence	- R-1 District	- Low Density
Residence	- R-3 District	- High Density
Business	- B-1 District	- Neighborhood Business
Business	- B-2 District	- Arterial Business
Business	- B-4 District	- Intermediate Business
Industrial	- M-1 District	- Light Industrial
Industrial	- M-2 District	- Heavy Industrial

(2) The boundaries in this section are established, as shown on the map entitled "Zoning Map of Surgoinsville, Tennessee." Dated January 2002, which is a part of this ordinance and which is on file in the office of the town recorder.

(3) Unless otherwise indicated on the zoning map, the boundaries are lot lines, the centerlines of streets or alleys or a specified district therefrom, or the corporate limit lines as they existed at the time of the enactment of the ordinance. The building inspector shall determine questions concerning the exact locations of district boundaries and his/her decision may be appealed to the Town of Surgoinsville Board of Zoning Appeals. (Ord. #27-2002, Dec. 2002, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-206. Application of regulations.** Except as herein provided:

(1) Use. No building or land shall hereafter be used and no building or part thereof shall be erected, moved or altered unless for a use expressly

permitted by and in conformity with the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located.

(2) Street frontage. No dwelling shall be erected on a lot which does not abut on least one street for at least forty (40) feet, except that lots fronting on cul-de-sacs may have a minimum road frontage of thirty (30) feet if the lot is at least fifty (50) feet in width at the building line.

(3) Corner lots. The minimum width of a side yard along an intersecting street shall be fifty percent (50%) greater than the minimum side yard requirements of the district in which the lot is located.

(4) One principal building on a lot. Only one principal building and its customary accessory buildings may hereafter be erected on any lot.

(5) Reduction of lot size. No lot shall be reduced in area so that yards, lot area per family, lot width, building area or other provisions of this ordinance shall not be maintained. This section shall not apply when a portion of a lot is acquired for a public purpose.

(6) Yard and other spaces. No part of a yard or other open space required about any building for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this ordinance shall be included as a part of a yard or other open space required under this ordinance for another building.

(7) Conformity to subdivision regulations. No building permit shall be issued for or no building shall be erected on any lot within the municipality, unless the street giving access to the lot upon which said building is proposed to be placed shall have been accepted or opened as a public street prior to that time or unless such street corresponds in its location and lines with a street shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Surgoinsville Regional Planning Commission and such approval entered in writing on the plat by the secretary of the commission.

(8) Customary accessory-buildings in residential districts. Accessory buildings are permitted provided they are located in rear yards and not closer than five (5) feet to any property line. Accessory buildings shall also comply with the setback from the intersecting street.

(9) Building area. On any lot, within an R-1 Residential District, the area occupied by all buildings including accessory buildings, shall not exceed thirty (30) percent of the total area of such lot. In R-3 Residential Districts, lot area occupied by all buildings including accessory buildings, shall not exceed thirty-five (35) percent of the total area of such lot.

(10) Height and density. No building or structure shall hereafter be erected or altered so as to exceed the height limit, to accommodate or house a greater number of families, to have narrower or smaller front yards or side yards than are required or specified in the regulations herein for the district in which it is located.

(11) Annexations. All territory which may hereafter be annexed to the

Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee shall be considered to be in the R-1 Low Density Residential District until otherwise classified. (1992 Code, § 14-206, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-207. General provisions.** (1) Continuance of nonconforming uses. Any lawful use of any building or land existing at the time of the enactment of this ordinance or whenever a district is changed by an amendment thereafter may be continued although such use does not conform with the provisions of this ordinance with the following limitations:

(a) No building or land containing a nonconforming use shall hereafter be extended unless such extensions shall conform with the provisions of this ordinance for the district in which it is located; provided, however, that a nonconforming use may be extended throughout those parts of building which were manifestly arranged or designed for such use prior to the time of enactment of this ordinance.

(b) Any nonconforming building which has been damaged by fire or other causes, may be reconstructed and used as before unless the building inspector determines that the building is damaged to the extent of more than seventy-five (75) percent of its appraised value for tax purposes in which case any repair or reconstruction shall be in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.

(c) When a nonconforming use of any building or land has ceased for a period of one year, it shall not be reestablished or changed to any use not in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.

(d) All nonconforming outdoor advertising signs, junk yards, commercial animal yards, and lumber yards not on the same lot with a plant or factory shall be required to conform to the provisions of this ordinance within three (3) years from December 18, 1975 upon official notification by the building inspector.

(e) Nonconforming mobile home - a mobile home deemed to be a legal nonconforming structure or use at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, or any amendment thereto may not, after its removal from the lot upon which it is situated, be reestablished or replaced by another or the same mobile home, if said structure is not established within thirty (30) days of its removal.

(2) Obstruction of vision at street intersections prohibited. On a corner lot in all districts except the B-3 (Central) Business District, no fence, wall, shrubbery, or other obstruction to vision between the height of three (3) feet and ten (10) feet above the street grade shall be permitted within twenty (20) feet of the intersection of the right-of-way of streets or of streets and railroads.

(3) Off-street automobile parking. Off-street automobile parking space shall be provided on every lot on which any of the following uses are hereafter established except in the B-3 (Central Business) District. The number of automobile parking spaces provided shall be at least as great as the number



specified below for various uses. Each space shall have at least two hundred (200) square feet in area and shall have vehicular access to a public street. Turning space shall be provided so that no vehicle will be required to back into the street.

(a) Automobile repair garages: One (1) space for each regular employee plus one (1) space for each two hundred fifty (250) square feet of floor space used for repair work.

(b) Churches: One (1) space for each four (4) seats.

(c) Clubs and lodges: One (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor space over one thousand (1,000) square feet.

(d) Dwellings: One (1) space for each dwelling unit.

(e) Funeral parlors: One (1) space for each four (4) seats in the chapel.

(f) Gasoline service stations and similar establishments: Two (2) spaces for each bay or similar facility plus one space for each employee.

(g) Hospitals and nursing homes: One (1) space for each two (2) staff or visiting doctors plus one space for each two employees and one (1) space for each four (4) beds, computed on the largest number of employees on duty at any period of time.

(h) Hotel: One (1) space for each four (4) employees plus one (1) space for each two (2) guest rooms.

(i) Industry: One (1) space for each three (3) employees, computed on the largest number of persons employed at any period during day or night.

(j) Motels and tourist courts: One (1) space for each four (4) employees plus one space for each accommodation.

(k) Offices: Medical - one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor space.

Other professional - one (1) space for each four hundred (400) square feet of floor space.

General - one (1) space for each four hundred (400) square feet of floor space.

(l) Places of public assembly: One (1) space for each four (4) seats in the principal assembly room or area.

(m) Recreation and amusement areas without seating capacity: One (1) space for each five (5) customers, computed on maximum service capacity.

(n) Restaurants: One (1) space for each four (4) employees, plus one (1) space for each one hundred (100) square feet of floor space devoted to patron use.

(o) Retail business and similar uses: One (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor space.

(p) Schools: One (1) space for each faculty member, plus one (1) space for each four (4) pupils except in elementary and junior high schools.

(q) Mobile home parks: Shall meet the requirements of the Surgoinsville Mobile Home Park Ordinance.

(r) Wholesale business: One (1) space for each three (3) employees based on maximum seasonal employment.

(s) If off-street parking space required above cannot be reasonably provided on the same lot on which the principal use is conducted, the board of zoning appeals may permit such space to be provided on other off-street property provided such space lies within four hundred (400) feet of the main entrance to such principal use. Such vehicle parking space shall be deemed to be required open space associated with the permitted use and shall not thereafter be reduced or encroached upon in any manner.

(t) Extension of parking space into a residential district: Required parking space may extend up to one hundred twenty (120) feet into a residential zoning district, provided that: (1) the parking space adjoins a commercial or industrial district; (2) has its only exit to or from upon the same street as the property in the commercial or industrial district from which it provides the required parking space; and (3) is separated from abutting properties in the residential district by a plant or fence buffer strip as determined by the building inspector.

(4) Off-street loading and unloading space. On every lot on which a business, trade, or industry use is hereafter established, space with access to a public street or alley shall be provided as indicated below for the loading and unloading of vehicles off the public street or alley:

(a) Retail business: One (1) space of at least 12 x 25 feet for each three thousand (3,000) square feet of floor area or part thereof.

(b) Wholesale and industrial: One (1) space of at least 12 x 50 feet for each ten thousand (10,000) square feet of floor area or part thereof.

(c) Terminals: Sufficient space to accommodate the maximum number of vehicles that will be stored and loading and unloading at the terminal at any one time.

(5) Mobile homes. The use of a single wide mobile home other than as a residential dwelling in a licensed and approved mobile home park is prohibited. A mobile home may be used as a residential dwelling in a mobile home park provided that:

(a) The mobile home is made a permanent or semi-permanent structure, which shall include, but not be limited to, proper underpinning and storm and windproofing of the structure.

(b) The provisions of the building code, plumbing code and electrical code and all other town codes and ordinances are complied with.

(6) Flood protection. Any structure proposed to be located within one-hundred (100) feet of any main drainage channel or stream (hereafter referred to as a stream) within the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee must be approved by the Surgoinsville Regional Planning Commission. Prior to granting such approval the planning commission may require the subdivider to determine on the basis of the area of the watershed and the probable runoff, the openings needed for the stream and how close a structure may be built to the stream in order to assure adequate space for flow of flood water, such determination to be made by a competent licensed engineer. However, in no case shall a building or structure be permitted within fifteen (15) feet of the top of the bank of any stream.

(a) Liability. The granting of approval of any structure or use shall not constitute a representation, guarantee, or warranty of any kind or nature by the Town of Surgoinsville or the Surgoinsville Regional Planning Commission, or by any officer or employee of either thereof, or the practicality or safety of any structure or use proposed and shall create no liability upon or cause action against such public body, officer, or employee for any damage that may result pursuant thereto. (1992 Code, § 14-207, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-208. Provisions governing use districts.** (1) R-1 (Low Density Residential District). It is the intent of this district to establish, low density residential areas along with open areas which appear likely to develop in a similar manner. The requirements for the district are designed to protect essential characteristics of the district, to promote and encourage an environment for family life and to prohibit all business activities. In order to achieve the intent of the R-1 (Low Density) Residential District, as shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the following uses are permitted:

(a) Single family dwellings.  
 (b) Two family dwellings.  
 (c) Customary general farming.  
 (d) Customary home occupation provided that: there is no external evidence of the occupation except on announcement sign not more than two (2) square feet in area; that only one person, not a resident of the dwelling is employed; and not more than 25 percent of the total floor area of the dwelling is used.

(e) Public owned buildings and uses, public and private schools offering general education, and churches provided that:

(i) The location of these uses shall first be reviewed by the Surgoinsville Planning Commission.

(ii) They meet any safeguards set forth in the review by the planning commission.

(2) R-3 (High Density) Residential District. It is the intent of this district to provide an area for single and multifamily dwellings, to encourage development and continued use of land for residential purposes; to prohibit land use for business and/or industrial activities and other land uses which would interfere with the residential character of the district. In order to achieve the intent of the R-3 (High Density) Residential District, as shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the following uses are permitted:

(a) Any use permitted in the R-1 Residential District, provided that the floor area used for the taking of boarders and tourists or the leasing of rooms by the family resident on the premises may not exceed sixty (60) percent of the total floor area of any dwelling.

(b) Multiple family dwellings.

(c) Mobile home parks provided that they meet requirements of the Surgoinsville Mobile Home Park Ordinance.

(3) B-1 (Neighborhood) Business District. It is the intent of this district to establish business areas to serve the surrounding residential districts. The neighborhood business district is intended to discourage strip business development and to encourage the grouping of uses in which parking and traffic congestion is reduced to a minimum. In order to achieve the intent of the B-1 (Neighborhood) Business District, as shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the following uses are permitted:

(a) Any use permitted in the R-3 Residential District, except for mobile home parks.

(b) Shopping centers.

(c) Grocery stores, drug stores, hardware stores, shoe repair shops, barber and beauty shops, laundromats, and laundry pick-up stations, restaurants, and similar uses.

(d) Business signs provided that all signs, except one detached sign, shall be erected flat against front side of a building or within two feet (24 inches) thereof. All signs shall not project above buildings nor have flashing intermittent or moving illumination.

(e) Gasoline service stations provided that all structures, including underground storage tanks, shall be placed not less than twenty (20) feet from all property lines. Points of ingress and egress shall not be less than fifteen (15) feet from intersection of street lines.

(4) B-2 (Arterial) Business District. It is the intent of this district to establish business areas that encourages groupings of compatible business activities; reduce traffic congestion to a minimum and enhance the aesthetic atmosphere of the Town of Surgoinsville.

(a) Any use permitted within a B-1 Neighborhood Business District.

(b) Hotels and motels.

- (c) Restaurants.
- (d) Offices.
- (e) Funeral homes.
- (f) Public and semi-public buildings and uses.

(5) B-3 (Central) Business District. It is the intent of this district to establish an area for concentrated general business development that the general public requires. The requirements are designed to protect the essential characteristics of the district by promotion of business and public uses which serve the general public and to discourage industrial, and wholesale development which do not lend themselves to pedestrian traffic. In order to achieve the intent of the B-3 (Central) Business District, as shown on the Zoning Map of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the following uses are permitted:

- (a) Stores and shops conducting retail business.
- (b) Personal, business, and professional services.
- (c) Public and semi-public buildings and uses provided that public and semi-public buildings and uses shall first be reviewed by the Surgoinsville Planning Commission.
- (d) Business signs, parking lots and garages, and advertising signs.
- (e) Lodges and clubs, hotels and motels, and restaurants.

(6) B-4 (Intermediate) Business District. It is the intent of this district to establish an area adjacent to the B-3 (Central) Business District which will support those uses and to encourage commercial development to concentrate to the mutual advantage of consumers as well as to provide for transactions of the district, thereby strengthening the economic base and protecting public convenience. In order to achieve the intent of the B-4 (Intermediate) Business District, as shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the following uses are permitted:

- (a) Any use permitted in B-3 Central Business District except advertising, signs, business signs are permitted provided that all signs, except one detached sign, shall be erected flat against the side of a building or within two feet (24 inches) thereof. All signs shall not project above buildings nor have flashing intermittent or moving illumination.
- (b) Any use permitted in R-3 Residential District except mobile home parks.
- (c) Hospitals and nursing homes.
- (d) Places of amusement and assembly.
- (e) Auto and mobile home sales.
- (f) Places of amusement and assembly.
- (g) Travel trailer parks.
- (h) Lodges and clubs.

(7) H-1 (Historic District). It is the intent of this district to preserve historic buildings and sites in the Town of Surgoinsville. The requirements of the district are designed to protect and preserve historic buildings and sites; and

ensure that buildings and landscaping on non-historic sites blend with and do not overpower historic buildings. In order to achieve the intent of the H-1 (Historic) District, as shown on the Zoning Map of Surgoinsville, Tennessee the following regulations shall apply:

(a) Any use permitted in the underlying zoning district except single-wide mobile homes and/or single-wide modular office buildings.

(b) A twenty-five (25) foot planted buffer along side and rear property lines and a fifteen (15) foot planted buffer along the front property line will be required for properties adjoining lots with buildings on the National Registry of Historic Structures. The planted buffer strip may be waived by the planning commission with the reason documented in the minutes. Earth mounds shaped and seeded for a natural appearance or planted buffer strips may be used. The Surgoinsville Planning Commission will review and approve earth mounds and planted buffers individually because of varying topographical conditions, soil types, and types of screening vegetation. Buffer plans must be drawn by a person trained in horticulture or equivalent experience and/or training. All plants and vegetation used in buffer strips must be maintained, and dead plants replaced with reasonably sized plants in relation to existing vegetation. A two (2) year maintenance bond or letter of credit will be required to ensure proper maintenance for the first two (2) years. The planning commission may approve placing the buffer strip on the adjoining historic property if the adjoining historic property owners agree.

(c) Application for a building permit shall be made to the building inspector prior to the commencement of any construction, alteration, repair, moving, or demolition to be carried on within the district. No permit shall be issued by the building inspector within the H-1 (Historic) District until it is submitted to and receives approval in writing by the historic zoning commission. The historic zoning commission may, however, prepare a listing of prior approvals permitted in the historical district.

(8) Light Industrial District (M-1). It is the intent of this district to establish industrial areas along with open areas that will likely develop in a similar manner. It is the intent that permitted uses are conducted so that noise, odor, dust, and glare of each operation are kept to a minimum. The industrial district is established to provide areas in which the principal use of land is for manufacturing and assembly plants, processing, storage, warehousing, wholesaling and distribution. In order to maintain and enhance the unique historic and aesthetic characteristics of the community and achieve the intent of the Light Industrial District (M-1), site plans shall be required for all new construction.

These site plans shall include: the proposed location of all structures, off-street parking provisions, location of all ingress and egress points, location and

size of proposed utilities, landscaping features, and any other plans deemed pertinent. Prior to the issuance of the building permit, the site plans shall be reviewed and approved by the planning commission to determine if they are in keeping with the comprehensive planning program of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee.

Within the M-1 Light Industrial District as shown on the zoning map of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the following uses are permitted:

- (a) Any use permitted in the B-1, B-2 or B-4 districts.
- (b) Any industry which does not cause injurious or obnoxious noise, vibrations, smoke, gas fumes, odors, dust, fire hazard or other objectionable conditions.
- (c) Terminals.
- (d) Wholesale business, warehouses, storage yards, and buildings.
- (e) Bottling and packaging operations.
- (f) Bakeries.

(9) Heavy Industrial District (M-2). It is the intent of this district to establish industrial areas along with open areas that will likely develop in a similar manner. The requirements established in the district regulations are designed to protect the essential characteristics, to promote and encourage wholesaling and high impact business uses and to discourage residential development. In order to maintain and enhance the unique historic and aesthetic characteristics of the community and achieve the intent of the Light Industrial District (M-1), site plans shall be required for all new construction. These site plans shall include: the proposed location of all structures, off-street parking provisions, location of all ingress and egress points, location and size of proposed utilities, landscaping features, and any other plans deemed pertinent. Prior to the issuance of the building permit, the site plans shall be reviewed and approved by the planning commission to determine if they are in keeping with the comprehensive planning program of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee.

Within the M-2 Heavy Industrial District as shown on the Zoning Map of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the following uses are permitted:

- (a) Any use permitted in the M-1 District.
- (b) Lots or yard for scrap or salvage operations or for processing storage, display of scrap, salvage or secondhand building materials.
- (c) Meat products manufacturing.
- (d) Dying and finishing of textiles.
- (e) Paper and allied products manufacturing.
- (f) Chemicals and allied products manufacturing.
- (g) Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products manufacturing.
- (h) Automobile wrecking, salvage and junkyards provided that:
  - (i) All motor vehicles stored or kept in such yards shall be kept so that they will not catch or hold water in which mosquitoes may breed and so that they will not constitute a place

or places in which rats, mice or other vermin may be harbored, reared or propagated.

(ii) Because of the tendency for salvage yards to promote the breeding of vermin, no such operation shall be permitted closer than three hundred (300) feet from any established residential zone.

(iii) All outdoor storage of salvage and wrecking operations shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed fence, screen or wall, excepting driveway areas, from eight (8) to twelve (12) feet in height. Storage between the road or street and such fence, screen, or wall is expressly prohibited. Any fence, screen, or wall for concealment shall be maintained in good condition.

(iv) All such yards shall be maintained as to be in sanitary condition and so as not to be a menace to public health or safety.

(v) Application for automobile wrecking, junk or salvage yard permit. No person shall own or maintain an automobile wrecking, junk or salvage yard within Surgoinsville until he/she has secured a permit from the Surgoinsville Building Inspector. A detailed site plan, a schedule for construction and any other information deemed necessary shall be submitted to the building inspector prior to the issuance of such permit.

(i) Mobile home wrecking or salvage yards provided that all mobile homes are set back a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all property lines and are adequately screened to prevent viewing from the public roads and adjoining properties.

(j) Adult oriented establishments. Area regulations.

(i) Front yard. All buildings shall be set back fifty (50) feet from all street right-of-way lines.

(ii) Side yard. All buildings shall have a side yard of at least twenty (20) feet. All side yards which abut a residential district shall be completely screened with plant material or fencing.

(iii) Rear yard. All lots shall have a minimum rear yard of at least thirty (30) feet. All rear lots which abut a residential district shall be completely screened with plant material or fencing.

(k) Small day care centers and adult care centers may be approved of Zoning and Appeals (BOZA) as a special exception if they find the use in harmony with the character of the district, and the proposed day care center meets the following conditions:

(i) They shall be limited to fifteen (15) children or persons, and be licensed by the state.



(ii) On arterial and collector streets will have to be evaluated on the basis of traffic volume, speed, and sight distance.

(iii) Off street drop off and pick up areas and parking facilities are required.

(iv) Site plans must show the drop off and pick up areas, parking facilities, outdoor activity areas, and setbacks from adjoining property.

(v) Planted buffers may be required depending on the topography, setbacks, etc. (1992 Code, § 14-208, as amended by Ord. #22-2002, Dec. 2002, Ord. #31-2003, Jan. 2004, Ord. #40-2004, Aug. 2004, and Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-209. Area, yard, and height requirements.**

District	Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet	Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	Minimum Yard Requirements From Property Lines			Maximum Height of Structures	Building Area
			Front	Side (Each Side)	Rear		
R-1	15,000	80 ft.	30 ft.	10 ft.	30 ft.	35 ft.	30%
R-3	15,000 plus 3,750 per each additional family over two	60 ft.	25 ft.	8 ft.	25 ft.	35 ft.	35%
B-1			30 ft.	10 ft.	25 ft.	35 ft.	
B-2			35 ft.	10 ft.	25 ft.	35 ft.	
B-3						35 ft.	
B-4			25 ft.	10 ft.	25 ft.	35 ft.	
M-1			40 ft.	20 ft.	25 ft.	75 ft.	

(1992 Code, § 14-209, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-210. Exceptions and modifications.** (1) Lot of record. Where the owner of a lot consisting of one or more adjacent lots of official record at the time does not own sufficient land to enable him to conform to the yard or other requirements of this ordinance, an application may be submitted to the board of zoning appeals for a variance from the terms of this ordinance. Such lot may be used as a building site, provided, however, that the yard and other

requirements of the district are complied with as closely as is possible in the opinion of the board of zoning appeals.

(2) Adjoining and vacant lots of record. A plat of land consisting of one or more adjacent lots with continuous frontage in single ownership which individually are less than lot widths required by this ordinance, such groups of lots shall be considered as a single lot or several lots of minimum permitted size and the lot or lots in one ownership shall be subjected to the requirements of this ordinance.

(3) Front yards. The front yard requirements of this ordinance for dwellings shall not apply to any lot where the average depth of existing front yards on developed lots, located within one hundred (100) feet on each side of such lot and within the same block and zoning district and fronting on the same street as such lot, is less than the minimum required front yard depth. In such case, the minimum front yard shall be the average of the existing front yard depths on the developed lots.

(4) Group housing projects. In the case of a group housing project or two or more buildings to be constructed on a plot of ground of at least one acre not subdivided into the customary streets and lots, and which will not be so subdivided, or where the existing or contemplated street and lot layout make it impracticable to apply the requirements of this ordinance to the individual building units in such housing projects, a special exception to the terms of this ordinance may be made by the board of zoning appeals in a manner that will be in harmony with the character of occupancy and an intensity of land use no higher and a standard of open space no lower than that permitted by this ordinance in the district in which the project is to be located. However, in no case shall the board of zoning appeals authorize a use prohibited in the district in which the project is located, or a smaller lot area per family than the minimum required in such district, or a greater height, or a larger coverage than the requirements of this ordinance permit in such a district.

(5) Exception on height limits. The height limitations of this ordinance shall not apply to church spires, belfries, cupolas and domes not intended for human occupancy, monuments, water towers, observation towers, transmission towers, windmills, chimneys, smokestacks, derricks, conveyors, flag poles, radio towers, mast and aerials. (1992 Code, § 14-210, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-211. Enforcement.** (1) Enforcing officer. The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the municipal building inspector. This official shall have the right to enter upon any premises necessary to carry out his duties in the enforcement of this ordinance.

(2) Building permit required. It shall be unlawful to commence the excavation for or the construction of any building including accessory buildings, or to commence the moving or alteration of any building, including accessory buildings, until the building inspector has issued for such work a building

permit including a statement that the plans, specifications and intended use of such building in all respects conform with the provisions of this ordinance. Application for a building permit shall be made to the building inspector.

(3) Issuance of building permit. In applying to the building inspector for a building permit, the applicant shall submit a dimensioned sketch or scale plan indicating the shape, size, height, and location of all buildings to be erected, altered or moved, and of any building already on the lot. He shall also state the existing and intended use of all such buildings and supply such other information as may be required by the building inspector. For determining whether the provisions of this ordinance are being observed. If the proposed excavation of construction as set forth in the application are in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance, the building inspector shall issue a building permit for such excavation or construction. If a building permit is refused, the building inspector shall state such refusal in writing with cause.

(4) Certification of occupancy. Upon the completion of the construction or alteration of a building or structure for which a building permit has been granted, application shall be made to the building inspector for a certificate of occupancy. Within three days of such application, the building inspector shall make a final inspection of the property in question, and shall issue a certificate of occupancy if the building or structure is found to conform to the provisions of the ordinance and the statements made in the application for the building permit. If such a certificate is refused, the building inspector shall state such refusal in writing, with the cause. No land or building hereafter erected or altered in its use, shall be used until such a certificate of occupancy has been granted.

(5) Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(6) Remedies. In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, repaired, converted or maintained, or any building, structure or land is used in violation of this ordinance, the building inspector or any other appropriate authority or any adjacent or neighboring property owner who would be damaged by such violation, in addition to other remedies may institute injunction, mandamus or other appropriate action in proceeding to prevent the occupancy or use of such building. (1992 Code, § 14-211, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-212. Board of zoning appeals.** (1) Creation and appointment. A board of zoning appeals is hereby established in accordance with, Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-705 Volume 3, same being Section 5, Chapter 44 of Public Acts of Tennessee of 1935. The Surgoinsville Regional Planning Commission is hereby designated as the board of zoning appeals and the terms of the members

of the board of zoning appeals shall be concurrent with the terms of the members of the Surgoinsville Regional Planning Commission.

(2) Procedure. Meetings of the board of zoning appeals shall be held at the call of the chairman or by a majority of the membership and at such other times as the board may determine. Such chairman, or in his absence, the acting chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public. The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact; shall take all evidence necessary to justify or explain its action, and shall keep records of its examinations and of other official action, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the board and shall be a public record.

(3) Appeals: how taken. An appeal to the board of zoning appeals may be taken by any person, firm or corporation aggrieved, or by any governmental officer, department, board or bureau affected by any decision of the building inspector based in the whole or part on provisions of this ordinance. Such appeal shall be taken within a reasonable time, as provided by the rules of the board, by filing with the building inspector and with the board of zoning appeals a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds thereof. The building inspector shall transmit forthwith to the board all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed was taken. The board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of the appeal, give public notice thereof, as well as due notice to the parties in interest and decide the same within a reasonable time. Upon the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or attorney.

(4) Powers. The board of zoning appeals shall have the following powers:

(a) Administrative review. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged by the appellant that there is error in any order requirement, permit, decision, determination or refusal made by the building inspector or other administrative official in the carrying out or enforcement of any provisions of this ordinance.

(b) Special exceptions. To hear and decide special exceptions to this ordinance as set forth in § 14-210.

(c) Variance. To hear and decide applications for variance from the terms of this ordinance, but only where, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of the adoption of this ordinance was a lot of record; or where by reason of exceptional topographical conditions or other extraordinary or exceptional situations or conditions of a piece of property, the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would result in exceptional practical difficulties to or exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner of such property, provided that such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of this ordinance.

(1) In granting a variance the board may attach thereto such conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed building, structure or use as it may deem advisable in furtherance of the purpose of this ordinance.

(2) Before any variance is granted it shall be shown that special circumstances are attached to the property which do not generally apply to other property in the neighborhood.

(5) Action of the Board of Zoning Appeals. In exercising the aforementioned powers, the board of zoning appeals may, in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from, and to that end shall have all powers of the building inspector. The concurring vote of a majority of the board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirements, decision or determination of any such administrative official, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under this ordinance, or to authorize any variance from the terms of this ordinance. (1992 Code, § 14-212, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-213. Amendment.** (1) Procedure. The board of mayor and aldermen may amend the regulations, restrictions, boundaries, or any provision of this ordinance. Any member of the town board may introduce such amendment, or any official, board or any other person may present a petition to the board of mayor and aldermen requesting an amendment or amendments to this ordinance.

(a) Application and fee. Citizens wishing to have the ordinance amended shall file an application according to the regulations of the planning commission. To partially defray the administrative cost, the applicant shall pay a filing fee to the Town of Surgoinsville of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

(b) Notice to property owners. The person requesting the rezoning must submit to the planning commission letters addressed to each property owner and resident within five hundred (500) feet of the property in question containing information adequate to notify such owners and residents of the intention to rezone the area for which the application is submitted and when and where a public hearing will be held before the planning commission. Such letters should be placed in unsealed, stamped and addressed envelopes ready for mailing by the planning commission. The return address of the planning commission must appear on the envelop and list of all persons to whom letters are sent must accompany the applications.

(2) Approval by planning commission. No such amendment shall become effective unless the same be first submitted for approval, disapproval or suggestions to the planning commission. If the planning commission within thirty (30) days disapproves, after such submission, it shall require the

favorable vote of the majority of the entire membership of the town board to become effective. If the planning commission neither approves nor disapproves such proposed amendment within forty-five (45) days after such submission, the action of such amendment by said board shall be deemed favorable.

(3) Introduction of amendment. Upon the introduction of an amendment to this ordinance or upon the receipt of a petition to amend this ordinance, the board of mayor and aldermen shall publish a notice of such request for an amendment, together with the notice of time set for hearing by the board of mayor and aldermen on the requested change. Said notice shall be published in some newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee. Said hearing by the board of mayor and aldermen shall take place not sooner than fifteen (15) days after the date of publication of such notice. (1992 Code, § 14-213, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**14-214. Legal status provisions.** (1) Conflict with other ordinances. In case of conflict between this ordinance on any part thereof, and the whole or part of any existing or future ordinance of the Town of Surgoinsville, the most restrictive shall in all cases apply.

(2) Validity. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance which is not of itself invalid or unconstitutional. (1992 Code, § 14-214, as amended by Ord. #63-2007, June 2007)

**CHAPTER 3****FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE****SECTION**

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**14-301. Statutory authorization.** The Legislature of the State of Tennessee has in Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 13-7-201 through 13-7-210, delegated the responsibility to local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry. Therefore, the Surgoinsville, Tennessee Board of Mayor and Aldermen does ordain as follows. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-302. Findings of fact.** (1) The Surgoinsville Mayor and its legislative body wishes to maintain eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program and in order to do so must meet the requirements of 60.3 of the Federal Insurance Administration Regulations found at 44 CFR ch. 1 (10-1-04 edition).

(2) Areas of Surgoinsville are subject to periodic inundation which could result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.

(3) These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains, causing increases in flood heights and velocities; by uses in flood hazard areas which are vulnerable to floods; or construction which is inadequately elevated, flood-proofed, or otherwise unprotected from flood damages. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-303. Statement of purpose.** It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas. This ordinance is designed to:

(1) Restrict or prohibit uses which are vulnerable to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion, flood heights, or velocities;

(2) Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including community facilities, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;

(3) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which are involved in the accommodation floodwaters;

(4) Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion; and

(5) Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-304. Objectives.** The objectives of this ordinance are:

(1) To protect human life, health and property;

(2) To minimize expenditure of public funds for costly flood control projects;

(3) To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;

(4) To minimize prolonged business interruptions;

(5) To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in floodable areas;



(6) To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood-prone areas in such a manner as to minimize blight in flood areas;

(7) To insure that potential homebuyers are notified that property is in a floodable area; and

(8) To maintain eligibility for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-305. Definitions.** Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application given its stated purpose and objectives.

(1) "Accessory structure" shall represent a subordinate structure to the principal structure and, for the purpose of this section, shall conform to the following:

(a) Accessory structures shall not be used for human habitation.

(b) Accessory structures shall be designed to have low flood damage potential.

(c) Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters.

(d) Accessory structures shall be firmly anchored to prevent flotation which may result in damage to other structures.

(e) Service facilities such as electrical and heating equipment shall be elevated or floodproofed.

(2) "Act" means the statutes authorizing the National Flood Insurance Program that are incorporated in 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128.

(3) "Addition (to an existing building)" means any walled and roofed expansion to the perimeter of a building in which the addition is connected by a common load-bearing wall other than a firewall. Any walled and roofed addition, which is connected by a firewall or is separated by an independent perimeter load-bearing wall, shall be considered "new construction."

(4) "Appeal" means a request for a review of the local enforcement officer's interpretation of any provision of this ordinance or a request for a variance.

(5) "Area of shallow floodwater" means a designated AO or AH Zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with one percent (1%) or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate; and where velocity flow may be evident. (Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.)

(6) "Area of special flood -related erosion hazard" is the land within a community which is most likely to be subject to severe flood-related erosion losses. The area may be designated as Zone E on the Flood Hazard Boundary

Map (FHBM). After the detailed evaluation of the special flood-related erosion hazard area in preparation for publication of the FIRM, Zone E may be further refined.

(7) "Area of special flood hazard" is the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated as Zone A on the FHBM. After detailed ratemaking has been completed in preparation for publication of the FIRM, Zone A usually is refined into Zones A, AO, AH, A1-30, AE or A99.

(8) "Base flood" means the flood having a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

(9) "Basement" means that portion of a building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.

(10) "Breakaway wall" means a wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces, without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation system.

(11) "Building" means any structure built for support, shelter, or enclosure for any occupancy or storage (see "Structure").

(12) "Development" means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavating, drilling operations, or permanent storage of equipment or materials.

(13) "Elevated building" means a non-basement building built to have the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area elevated above the ground level by means of fill, solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movement of floodwater, pilings, columns, piers, or shear walls adequately anchored so as not to impair the structural integrity of the building during a base flood event.

(14) "Emergency flood insurance program" or "emergency program" means the program as implemented on an emergency basis in accordance with section 1336 of the Act. It is intended as a program to provide a first layer amount of insurance on all insurable structures before the effective date of the initial FIRM.

(15) "Erosion" means the process of the gradual wearing away of landmasses. This peril is not per se covered under the program.

(16) "Exception" means a waiver from the provisions of this ordinance which relieves the applicant from the requirements of a rule, regulation, order or other determination made or issued pursuant to this ordinance.

(17) "Existing construction" means any structure for which the "start of construction" commenced before the effective date of the first floodplain management code or ordinance adopted by the community as a basis for that community's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

(18) "Existing manufactured home park or subdivision" means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities

for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the first floodplain management code or ordinance adopted by the community as a basis for that community's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

(19) "Existing structures" see "Existing construction."

(20) "Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision" means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

(21) "Flood or flooding" means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

(a) The overflow of inland or tidal waters; or

(b) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

(22) "Flood elevation determination" means a determination by the administrator of the water surface elevations of the base flood, that is, the flood level that has a one percent (1%) or greater chance of occurrence in any given year.

(23) "Flood elevation study" means an examination, evaluation and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) or flood-related erosion hazards.

(24) "Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)" means an official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, where the boundaries of areas of special flood hazard have been designated as Zone A.

(25) "Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)" means an official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, delineating the areas of special flood hazard or the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

(26) "Flood insurance study" is the official report provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, evaluating flood hazards and containing flood profiles and water surface elevation of the base flood.

(27) "Floodplain" or "flood-prone area" means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of "flooding").

(28) "Floodplain management" means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works and floodplain management regulations.

(29) "Flood protection system" means those physical structural works for which funds have been authorized, appropriated, and expended and which have been constructed specifically to modify flooding in order to reduce the

extent of the area within a community subject to a "special flood hazard" and the extent of the depths of associated flooding. Such a system typically includes hurricane tidal barriers, dams, reservoirs, levees or dikes. These specialized flood modifying works are those constructed in conformance with sound engineering standards.

(30) "Floodproofing" means any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

(31) "Flood-related erosion" means the collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding.

(32) "Flood-related erosion area" or "flood-related erosion prone area" means a land area adjoining the shore of a lake or other body of water, which due to the composition of the shoreline or bank and high water levels or wind-driven currents, is likely to suffer flood-related erosion damage.

(33) "Flood-related erosion area management" means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood-related erosion damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood-related erosion control works and flood plain management regulations.

(34) "Floodway" means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

(35) "Floor" means the top surface of an enclosed area in a building (including basement), i.e., top of slab in concrete slab construction or top of wood flooring in wood frame construction. The term does not include the floor of a garage used solely for parking vehicles.

(36) "Freeboard" means a factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of floodplain management. "Freeboard" tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, bridge openings and the hydrological effect of urbanization of the watershed.

(37) "Functionally dependent use" means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship

building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

(38) "Highest adjacent grade" means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, adjacent to the proposed walls of a structure.

(39) "Historic structure" means any structure that is:

(a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the U.S. Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

(b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;

(c) Individually listed on the Tennessee inventory of historic places and determined as eligible by states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of Interior; or

(d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places and determined as eligible by communities with historic preservation as eligible by communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:

(i) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or

(ii) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior.

(40) "Levee" means a man-made structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering practices to contain, control, or divert the flow of water so as to provide protection from temporary flooding.

(41) "Levee system" means a flood protection system, which consists of a levee, or levees, and associated structures, such as closure, and drainage devices, which are constructed and operated in accordance with sound engineering practices.

(42) "Lowest floor" means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area, including a basement. An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure used solely for parking vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor; provided, that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this ordinance.

(43) "Manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle," unless such transportable structures are placed on a site for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or longer.

(44) "Manufactured home park or subdivision" means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two (2) or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

(45) "Map" means the Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for a community issued by the agency.

(46) "Mean sea level" means the average height of the sea for all stages of the tide. It is used as a reference for establishing various elevations within the floodplain. For the purpose of this ordinance, the term is synonymous with National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.

(47) "National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD)" as corrected in 1929 is a vertical control used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.

(48) "New construction" means any structure for which the "start of construction" commenced after the effective date of this ordinance or the effective date of the first floodplain management ordinance and includes any subsequent improvements to such structure.

(49) "New manufactured home park or subdivision" means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed after the effective date of this ordinance or the effective date of the first floodplain management ordinance and includes any subsequent improvements to such structure.

(50) "North American Vertical Datum (NAVD)" as corrected in 1988 is a vertical control used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.

(51) "100-year flood" see "Base flood."

(52) "Person" includes any individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, or any other entity, including state and local governments and agencies.

(53) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicle which is:

(a) Built on a single chassis;

(b) Four hundred (400) square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;

(c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and

(d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

(54) "Regulatory floodway" means that channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to

discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

(55) "Riverine" means relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.

(56) "Special hazard area" means an area having special flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown on an FHBM or FIRM as Zone A, AO, A1-30, AE, A99, or AH.

(57) "Start of construction" includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within one hundred eighty (180) days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; and includes the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. (Permanent construction does not include initial land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds, not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

(58) "State coordinating agency" the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's Local Planning Assistance Office as designated by the Governor of the State of Tennessee at the request of the administrator to assist in the implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program for the state.

(59) "Structure" for purposes of this section, means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, a manufactured home, a gas or liquid storage tank, or other man-made facilities or infrastructures.

(60) "Substantial damage" means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

(61) "Substantial improvement." means:

(a) Any repairs, reconstructions, rehabilitations additions, alterations or other improvements to a structure, taking place during a five (5) year period, in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. The market value of the structure should be:

(i) The appraised value of the structure prior to the start of the initial repair or improvement; or

(ii) In the case of damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed.

(b) For the purpose of this definition, "substantial improvement" is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. The term does not, however, include either:

(i) Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been pre-identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions and not solely triggered by an improvement or repair project; or

(ii) Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

(62) "Substantially improved existing manufactured home parks or subdivisions" is where the repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of the streets, utilities and pads equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the value of the streets, utilities and pads before the repair, reconstruction or improvement commenced.

(63) "Variance" is a grant of relief from the requirements of this ordinance which permits construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this ordinance where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

(64) "Violation" means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certification, or other evidence of compliance required in this ordinance is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

(65) "Water surface elevation" means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains or riverine areas. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-306. Application.** This ordinance shall apply to all areas within the incorporated area of Surgoinsville, Tennessee. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-307. Basis for establishing the areas special flood hazard.** The areas of special flood hazard identified on the Surgoinsville, Tennessee, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood



Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Community Panel Numbers 47073C-0095B, 47073C-0235B, 47073C-0255B, 47073C-0260B, dated July 3, 2006, along with all supporting technical data, are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-308. Requirement for development permit.** A development permit shall be required in conformity with this ordinance prior to the commencement of any development activities. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-309. Compliance.** No land, structure or use shall hereafter be located, extended, converted, or structurally altered without full compliance with the terms of this ordinance and other applicable regulations. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-310. Abrogation and greater restrictions.** This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants or deed restrictions. However, where this ordinance conflicts or overlaps with another regulatory instrument, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-311. Interpretation.** In the interpretation and application of this ordinance, all provisions shall be:

- (1) Considered as minimum requirements;
- (2) Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
- (3) Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under Tennessee statutes. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-312. Warning and disclaimer of liability.** The degree of flood protection required by this ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This ordinance does not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazards or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This ordinance shall not create liability on the part of Surgoinsville of Hawkins County, Tennessee or by any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this ordinance or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-313. Penalties for violation.** Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements including violation of conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variance shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable as other misdemeanors as provided by law. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate

offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent Surgoinsville of Hawkins County, Tennessee from taking such other lawful actions to prevent or remedy any violation. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-314. Designation of ordinance administrator.** The code enforcement officer is hereby appointed as the administrator to implement the provisions of this ordinance. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-315. Permit procedures.** Application for a development permit shall be made to the administrator on forms furnished by the community prior to any development activities. The development permit may include, but is not limited to the following: plans in duplicate drawn to scale and showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, earthen fill placement, storage of materials or equipment, and drainage facilities. Specifically, the following information is required:

(1) Application stage. (a) Elevation in relation to mean sea level of the proposed lowest floor, including basement, of all buildings where BFEs are available, or to the highest adjacent grade when applicable under this ordinance.

(b) Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any non-residential building will be flood-proofed where BFEs are available, or to the highest adjacent grade when applicable under this ordinance.

(c) Design certificate from a registered professional engineer or architect that the proposed non-residential flood-proofed building will meet the flood-proofing criteria in § 14-315.

(d) Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development.

(2) Construction stage. Within unnumbered A zones, where flood elevation data are not available, the administrator shall record the elevation of the lowest floor on the development permit. The elevation of the lowest floor shall be determined as the measurement of the lowest floor of the building relative to the highest adjacent grade.

For all new construction and substantial improvements, the permit holder shall provide to the administrator an as-built certification of the regulatory floor elevation or floodproofing level upon the completion of the lowest floor or floodproofing. Within unnumbered A zones, where flood elevation data is not available, the elevation of the lowest floor shall be determined as the measurement of the lowest floor of the building relative to the highest adjacent grade.

Any lowest floor certification made relative to mean sea level shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a registered land surveyor and certified by same. When floodproofing is utilized for a non-residential building said certification shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a professional engineer or architect and certified by same.

Any work undertaken prior to submission of the certification shall be at the permit holder's risk. The administrator shall review the above-referenced certification data. Deficiencies detected by such review shall be corrected by the permit holder immediately and prior to further work being allowed to proceed. Failure to submit the certification or failure to make said corrections required hereby, shall be cause to issue a stop-work order for the project. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-316. Duties and responsibilities of the administrator.** Duties of the administrator shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Review of all development permits to assure that the permit requirements of this ordinance have been satisfied, and that proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding.

(2) Advice to permittee that additional federal or state permits may be required, and if specific federal or state permit requirements are known, require that copies of such permits be provided and maintained on file with the development permit. This shall include section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334.

(3) Notification to adjacent communities and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Local Planning Assistance Office, prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submission of evidence of such notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(4) For any altered or relocated watercourse, submit engineering data/analysis within six (6) months to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to ensure accuracy of community flood maps through the letter of map revision process. Assure that the flood carrying capacity within an altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained.

(5) Record the elevation, in relation to mean sea level or the highest adjacent grade, where applicable of the lowest floor including basement of all new or substantially improved buildings, in accordance with § 14-315.

(6) Record the actual elevation; in relation to mean sea level or the highest adjacent grade, where applicable to which the new or substantially improved buildings have been flood-proofed, in accordance with § 14-315.

(7) When flood proofing is utilized for a structure, the administrator shall obtain certification of design criteria from a registered professional engineer or architect, in accordance with § 14-315.

(8) Where interpretation is needed as to the exact location of boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions) the administrator shall make the necessary interpretation. Any person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in this ordinance.

(9) When base flood elevation data or floodway data have not been provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency then the administrator shall obtain, review and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal, state, or other sources, including data developed as a result of these regulations, as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A on the community FIRM meet the requirements of this ordinance.

Within unnumbered A zones, where base flood elevations have not been established and where alternative data is not available, the administrator shall require the lowest floor of a building to be elevated or floodproofed to a level of at least three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade (lowest floor and highest adjacent grade being defined in § 14-305 of this ordinance). All applicable data including elevations of flood proofing certifications shall be recorded as set forth in § 14-315.

(10) All records pertaining to the provisions of this ordinance shall be maintained in the office of the administrator and shall be open for public inspection. Permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be maintained in a separate file or marked for expedited retrieval within combined files. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-317. General standards.** In all flood prone areas the following provisions are required:

(1) New construction and substantial improvements to existing buildings shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure;

(2) Manufactured homes shall be elevated and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This standard shall be in addition to and consistent with applicable state requirements for resisting wind forces;

(3) New construction and substantial improvements to existing buildings shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage;

(4) New construction or substantial improvements to existing buildings shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;

(5) All electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment, and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding;

(6) New and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood water into the system;

(7) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters;

(8) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding;

(9) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a building that is in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, shall meet the requirements of "new construction" as contained in this ordinance; and

(10) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a building that is not in compliance with the provision of this ordinance shall be undertaken only if said non-conformity is not further extended or replaced. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-318. Specific standards.** These provisions shall apply to all areas of specific flood hazard as provided herein:

(1) Residential construction. Where base flood elevation data is available, new construction or substantial improvement of any residential building (or manufactured home) shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated no lower than one (1) foot above the base flood elevation. Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, openings sufficient to facilitate equalization of flood hydrostatic forces on both sides of exterior walls and to ensure unimpeded movement of floodwater shall be provided in accordance with the standards of this section.

Within unnumbered A zones, where base flood elevations have not been established and where alternative data is not available, the administrator shall require the lowest floor of a building to be elevated or floodproofed to a level of at least three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade (lowest floor and highest adjacent grade being defined in § 14-305 of this ordinance). All applicable data including elevations or flood proofing certifications shall be recorded as set forth in § 14-315.

(2) Non-residential construction. New construction or substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or non-residential building, when BFE data is available, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated or floodproofed no lower than one (1) foot above the level of the base flood elevation.

Within unnumbered A zones, where base flood elevations have not been established and where alternative data is not available, the administrator shall require the lowest floor of a building to be elevated or floodproofed to a level of at least three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade (lowest floor and highest adjacent grade being defined in § 14-305 of this ordinance). All applicable data including elevations or flood proofing certifications shall be recorded as set forth in § 14-315.

Buildings located in all A-zones may be flood-proofed, in lieu of being elevated, provided that all areas of the building below the required elevation are

watertight, with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water, and are built with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions above, and shall provide such certification to the administrator as set forth in § 14-315.

(3) Elevated building. All new construction or substantial improvements to existing buildings that include any fully enclosed areas formed by foundation and other exterior walls below the base flood elevation, or required height above the highest adjacent grade, shall be designed to preclude finished living space and designed to allow for the entry and exit of flood waters to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls.

(a) Designs for complying with this requirement must either be certified by a professional engineer or architect or meet the following minimum criteria.

(i) Provide a minimum of two (2) openings having a total net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;

(ii) The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above the finish grade; and

(iii) Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided they permit the automatic flow of floodwaters in both directions.

(b) Access to the enclosed area shall be the minimum necessary to allow for parking of vehicles (garage door) or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises (standard exterior door) or entry to the elevated living area (stairway or elevator); and

(c) The interior portion of such enclosed area shall not be partitioned or finished into separate rooms in such a way as to impede the movement of floodwaters and all such petitions shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(4) Standards for manufactured homes and recreational vehicles.

(a) All manufactured homes placed, or substantially improved, on:

(i) Individual lots or parcels;

(ii) In expansions to existing manufactured home parks or subdivisions; or

(iii) In new or substantially improved manufactured home parks or subdivisions, must meet all the requirements of new construction, including elevations and anchoring.

(b) All manufactured homes placed or substantially improved in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision must be elevated so that either:

(i) When base flood elevations are available the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated on a permanent foundation no lower than one (1) foot above the level of the base flood elevation; or

(ii) Absent base flood elevations the manufactured home chassis is elevated and supported by reinforced piers (or other foundation elements) at least three (3) feet in height above the highest adjacent grade.

(c) Any manufactured home, which has incurred "substantial damage" as the result of a flood or that has substantially improved, must meet the standards of § 14-318(4) of this ordinance.

(d) All manufactured homes must be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement.

(e) All recreational vehicles placed on identified flood hazard sites must either:

(i) Be on the site for fewer than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days;

(ii) Be fully licensed and ready for highway use. (A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is licensed, on its wheels or jacking system, attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached structures or additions.

(iii) The recreational vehicle must meet all the requirements for new construction, including the anchoring and elevation requirements of this section above if on the site for longer than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days.

(5) Standards for subdivisions. Subdivisions and other proposed new developments, including manufactured home parks, shall be reviewed to determine whether such proposals will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a subdivision proposal or other proposed new development is in a flood-prone area, any such proposals shall be reviewed to ensure that:

(a) All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.

(b) All subdivision proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.

(c) All subdivision proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

(d) Base flood elevation data shall be provided for subdivision proposals and other proposed developments (including manufactured

home parks and subdivisions) that are greater than fifty (50) lots and/or five (5) acres in area. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-319. Standards for areas of special flood hazard with established base flood elevations and with floodways designated.**

Located within the areas of special flood hazard established in § 14-307, are areas designated as floodways. A floodway may be an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of floodwaters, debris or erosion potential. In addition, the area must remain free of encroachment in order to allow for the discharge of the base flood without increased flood heights and velocities. Therefore, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) Encroachments are prohibited, including earthen fill material, new construction, substantial improvements or other developments within the regulatory floodway. Development may be permitted however, provided it is demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practices that the cumulative effect of the proposed encroachments or new development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, shall not result in any increase in the water surface elevation of the base flood level, velocities or floodway widths during the occurrence of a base flood discharge at any point within the community. A registered professional engineer must provide supporting technical data and certification thereof.

(2) New construction or substantial improvements of buildings shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of §§ 14-317 through 14-324. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-320. Standards for areas of special flood hazard zones AE with established base flood elevations but without floodways designated.**

Located within the areas of special flood hazard established in § 14-307, where streams exist with base flood data provided but where no floodways have been designated, (Zones AE) the following provisions apply:

(1) No encroachments, including fill material, new structures or substantial improvements shall be located within areas of special flood hazard, unless certification by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one (1) foot at any point within the community. The engineering certification should be supported by technical data that conforms to standard hydraulic engineering principles.

(2) New construction or substantial improvements of buildings shall be elevated or flood-proofed to elevation established in accordance with § 14-318. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)



**14-321. Standards for streams without established base flood elevations or floodways (A zones).** Located within the areas of special flood hazard established in §§ 14-306 through 14-313, where streams exist, but no base flood data has been provided (A zones), or where a floodway has not been delineated, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) When base flood elevation data or floodway data have not been provided in accordance with §§ 14-316 through 14-317 then the administrator shall obtain, review and reasonably utilize any scientific or historic base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal, state or other source in order to administer the provisions of §§ 14-317--14-324 only if data is not available from these sources, then the following provisions (2) and (3) shall apply:

(2) No encroachments, including structures or fill material, shall be located within an area equal to the width of the stream or twenty (20) feet, whichever is greater, measured from the top of the stream bank, unless certification by registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one (1) foot at any point within the community. The engineering certification should be supported by technical data that conforms to standard hydraulic engineering principles.

(3) In special flood hazard areas without base flood elevation data, new construction or substantial improvements of existing shall have the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement) elevated no less than three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade at the building site. Openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movements of floodwaters shall be provided in accordance with the standards of § 14-318 and "elevated buildings." (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-322. Standards for areas of shallow flooding (AO and AH zones).** Located within the areas of special flood hazard established in § 14-307, are areas designated as shallow flooding areas. These areas have been special flood hazards associated with base flood depths of one (1) to three (3) feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist and where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate; therefore, the following provisions apply:

(1) All new construction and substantial improvements of residential and non-residential buildings shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to at least one (1) foot above the flood depth number specified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), in feet, above the highest adjacent grade. If no flood depth number is specified, the lowest floor, including basement, shall be elevated, at least three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade. Openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movements of floodwaters shall be provided in accordance with standards of § 14-318, and "elevated buildings."

(2) All new construction and substantial improvements of nonresidential buildings may be flood-proofed in lieu of elevation. The structure together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities must be flood proofed and designed watertight to be completely flood-proofed to at least one (1) foot above the specified FIRM flood level, with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy. If no depth number is specified, the lowest floor, including basement, shall be flood proofed to at least three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this ordinance and shall provide such certification to the administrator as set forth above and as required in § 14-315.

(3) Adequate drainage paths shall be provided around slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

(4) The administrator shall certify the elevation or the highest adjacent grade, where applicable, and the record shall become a permanent part of the permit file. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-323. Standards for areas protected by flood protection system (A-99 zones).** Located within the areas of special flood hazard established in §§ 14-306 through 14-313 are areas of the 100-year floodplain protected by a flood protection system but where base flood elevations and flood hazard factors have not been determined. Within these areas (A-99 zones) all provisions of §§ 14-314--14-317 shall apply. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-324. Standards for unmapped streams.** Located within Surgoinsville, Tennessee are unmapped streams where areas of special flood hazard are neither indicated nor identified. Adjacent to such streams the following provisions shall apply:

(1) In areas adjacent to such unmapped streams, no encroachments including fill material or structures shall be located within an area of at least equal to twice the width of the stream, measured from the top of each stream bank, unless certification by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one (1) foot at any point within the locality.

(2) When new elevation data is available, new construction or substantial improvements of buildings shall be elevated or flood proofed to elevations established in accordance with §§ 14-314 through 14-316. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-325. Variance procedures.** The provisions of § 14-326 and 14-327 shall apply exclusively to areas of special flood hazard within Surgoinsville, Tennessee. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-326. Board of zoning appeals.** (1) The Surgoinsville Board of Zoning Appeals shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from the requirements of this ordinance.

(2) Variances may be issued for the repair or rehabilitation of historic structures (see definition) upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and the variance is the minimum to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.

(3) In passing upon such applications, the board of zoning appeals shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all standards specified in other sections of this ordinance, and:

(a) The danger that materials may be swept onto other property to the injury of others;

(b) The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion;

(c) The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage;

(d) The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;

(e) The necessity of the facility to a waterfront location, in the case of a functionally dependent facility;

(f) The availability of alternative locations, not subject to flooding or erosion damage, for the proposed use;

(g) The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and the floodplain management program for that area;

(h) The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;

(i) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and sediment transport of the flood waters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site, and;

(j) The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems, and streets and bridges.

(4) Upon consideration of the factors listed above, and the purposes of this ordinance, the board of floodplain review may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

(5) Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-327. Conditions for variances.** (1) Variances shall be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum relief necessary, considering the flood hazard; and in the instance of a historical building, a determination that the variance is the minimum relief necessary so as not to destroy the historic character and design of the building.

(2) Variances shall only be issued upon: a showing of good and sufficient cause, a determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship; or a determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create a nuisance, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.

(3) Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance, and that such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

(4) The administrator shall maintain the records of all appeal actions and report any variances to the Federal Emergency Management Agency upon request. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

**14-328. Conflict with other ordinances.** In case of conflict between this ordinance or any part thereof, and the whole or part of any existing or future ordinance of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, the most restrictive shall in all cases apply. (Ord. #53-2006, April 2006)

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**14-401. Title.** This chapter shall be known as the "Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee." (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-402. Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to conserve the land, water and other natural resources of the Town of Surgoinsville and Hawkins County; and promote the public health and welfare of the people by establishing requirements for the control of stormwater, erosion and sedimentation and by establishing procedures whereby these requirements shall be administered and enforced; and to diminish threats to public safety from degrading water quality caused by the runoff of excessive stormwater and associated pollutants to reduce flooding and to reduce the economic loss to individuals and the community at large. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-403. Definitions.** For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

(1) "Development." Any activity on one acre or more or a site that is part of a common development encompassing one or more acres that involves making changes to the land contour by grading, filling, excavating removal, or destruction of topsoil, trees, or vegetative covering.

(2) "Denuded area." Areas disturbed by grading, filling, or other such activity in which all vegetation has been removed and soil is exposed directly to the elements allowing for the possibility of erosion, stormwater and sediment run-off.

(3) "Developer." Any person, owner, individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents or assigns.

(4) "Drainage." A general term applied to the removal of surface or subsurface water from a given area either by gravity or by pumping; commonly applied to surface water.

(5) "Drainage ways and local waters." Any and all streams, creeks, branches, ponds, reservoirs, springs, wetlands, sinkholes, wells, drainage ways and wet weather ditches, or other bodies of surface or subsurface water, natural or artificial, lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the Town of Surgoinsville or the area under the regulatory responsibility of the Surgoinsville Planning Commission.

(6) "Erosion." The general process whereby soils are moved by flowing surface or subsurface water.

(7) "Grading permit." The permit that must be issued by the building inspector, or in his/her absence, the town's designee, before any land disturbing activity is undertaken by a developer, or when grading, filling, or excavating is proposed on a project.

(8) "Land disturbing activity." Means any activity which may result in soil erosion from water or wind and the movement of sediments into drainage ways, or local water, including, but not limited to, clearing, grading, excavating, transportation and filling of land, except that the term shall not include:

(a) Such minor land disturbing activities as home and gardens and individual home landscaping, repairs and maintenance work.

(b) Construction, installation or maintenance of individual service connections, or septic lines and drainage fields or utility line construction.

(c) Preparation for single family residences separately built, unless in conjunction with a site that is part of a common development encompassing one or more acres.

(d) Emergency work to protect life, limb or property.

(9) "Stormwater pollution prevention plan." For the purpose of this chapter, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) refers to a formal written document addressing grading, vegetation, drainage, and stormwater flows, erosion and sedimentation controls, as specified in §§ 14-405 through 14-408, that is reviewed by the building inspector/designee, reviewed by the Surgoinville Planning Commission, and if approved by the planning commission, is used as the basis for the building inspector to issue a grading permit that allows land disturbing activity to proceed. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-404. Regulated land disturbing activities.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any land disturbing activity on any commercial development, or any development, construction, or renovation activity involving at least one (1) acre without submitting and obtaining approval of a stormwater pollution prevention plan as detailed in §§ 14-406 through 14-409 of this chapter, and being issued a grading permit by the building inspector/designee.

(2) Any person who owns, occupies and operates private agriculture or forest lands shall not be deemed to be in violation of this chapter of land disturbing activities which result from the normal functioning of these lands, however, the building inspector has the authority to require reasonable erosion and sedimentation control measures if pollution and run-off problems are evident.

(3) Any state or federal agency not under the regulatory authority of the Town of Surgoinville for stormwater management, erosion and sedimentation control. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-405. Permit required for any land disturbing activity.** Any land disturbing activity, as defined, shall require a grading permit, in addition to any building permit that must be issued by the building inspector prior to the commencement of any work. Grading permits for land disturbing activities will

be issued by the building inspector only upon the developer meeting requirements outlined in §§ 14-404 through 14-412 of this chapter. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-406. Stormwater pollution prevention plan required.** A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) shall be required for all developments, subdivisions, or construction activities involving one (1) or more acres. A SWPPP shall be required for all commercial construction or renovation, or any multi family residential facility involving three (3) or more units. If necessary to protect the health and safety of the people, the building inspector and/or planning commission may, at its discretion, require a SWPPP for any development or renovation under five (5) acres, or subdivision with less than three (3) adjacent lots, or multi-family residential development under three (3) units. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-407. Plan requirements.** The SWPPP shall be prepared and designed and certified by an engineer and/or surveyor licensed in the State of Tennessee. The length and complexity of the plan is to be commensurate with the size of the project, severity of the site condition, and the potential for off-site damage. The plan shall include at least the following:

(1) Project description. Briefly describe the intended project and proposed land disturbing activity including number of units and structures to be constructed and infrastructure required.

(2) Contour intervals of five (5) or less showing present conditions and proposed contours resulting from land disturbing activity.

(3) All existing drainage ways, including intermittent and wet-weather. Include any designated floodways or flood plains.

(4) Existing land cover.

(5) Approximate limits of proposed clearing, grading and filling.

(6) Amount of approximate flows of existing stormwater leaving any portion of the site and where stormwater leaves the site. The appropriate calculations for making this determination shall be shown in the drainage plan.

(7) Description of existing soil types and characteristics and any anticipated soil erosion and sedimentation problems resulting from existing characteristics.

(8) Location, size and layout of proposed stormwater and sedimentation control improvements.

(9) Proposed drainage network.

(10) Proposed drain tile or waterway sizes.

(11) Approximate flows leaving site after construction and incorporating water run-off mitigation measures. The evaluation must include projected effects on property adjoining the site and on existing drainage facilities and systems. The hydraulic calculations necessary to ensure adequately sized stormwater management structures must also be included.



(12) The projected sequence of work represented by the grading, drainage and erosion and sedimentation control plans as related to other major items of construction.

(13) Specific remediation measures to prevent erosion and sedimentation run-off, and to meet approved standards as outlined in § 14-408 of this chapter. Plans shall include detailed drawings for all control measures used; stabilization measures including vegetation and non-vegetative measures, both temporary and permanent, shall be detailed. Detailed construction notes and a maintenance schedule shall be included for all control measures in the plan.

(14) Specific details for the construction of the entrance to the site for controlling erosion and road access points and for eliminating or keeping mud, sediment, and debris on Surgoinsville streets and public ways at a level acceptable to the building inspector. Mud, sediment, and debris brought onto streets and public ways must be removed by the end of the day by machine, broom or shovel to the satisfaction of the building inspector and/or Surgoinsville Law Enforcement Officer. Failure to remove said sediment, mud or debris shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance.

(15) Proposed structures; location (to the extent possible) and identification of any proposed additional buildings, structures or development on the site. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-408. Plan must contain measures to meet approved standards.**

The SWPPP shall contain measures that will ensure development, construction or site work will meet or exceed the following standards:

(1) The development fits within the topography and soil conditions in a manner that allows stormwater and erosion and sedimentation control measures to be implemented in a manner satisfactory to the Surgoinsville Planning Commission. Development shall be accomplished so as to minimize adverse effects upon the natural or existing topography and soil conditions and to minimize the potential for erosion.

(2) Plans for development and construction shall minimize cut and fill operations. Construction and development plans calling for excessive cutting and filling may be refused a permit by the Surgoinsville Planning Commission if it is determined that the land use permitted by the applicable zoning district could be supported with less alteration of the natural terrain.

(3) During development and construction, adequate protective measures shall be provided to minimize damage from surface water to the cut face of excavations or the sloping surfaces of fills. Fills shall not encroach upon natural water courses, their flood plains; or constructed channels in a manner so as to adversely affect other properties.

(4) Pre-construction vegetation ground cover shall not be removed, destroyed, or disturbed more than twenty (20) days prior to grading or earth

moving. No work shall occur until perimeter sedimentation and erosion control devices are in place to the building inspector's satisfaction.

(5) Developers shall be responsible upon completion of land disturbing activities to leave slopes and developed or graded areas so that they will not erode. Such methods include, but are not limited to, re-vegetation, mulching, rip-rapping or gunniting, and retaining walls. Bank cuts and grades should not exceed 2 to 1 slope without use of a retaining wall and must be properly covered with mulch and vegetation. Regardless of the method used, the objective is to leave the site as erosion and maintenance-free as is practical.

(6) Provisions are to be implemented that accommodate any increase in stormwater run-off generated by the development in a manner in which the existing levels of run-off are not increased during and following development and construction. Hydraulic calculations necessary to make accurate determinations will be based at a minimum on a two (2) year storm event. The planning commission may require designs based on larger storm events on a case-by-case basis. A combination of storage and controlled release of stormwater run-off shall be required for all development and construction.

(7) Discharges from sedimentation basins or traps must be through piping, liners, rip-rap or properly grassed channels so that the discharge does not cause erosion.

(8) Sedimentation basins (debris basins, desalting basins, or silt traps) and other drainage and sedimentation control measures shall be installed in conjunction with initial work and must be in place and functional prior to the initial grading operations. These measures must be maintained throughout the development process. Sediment basins and/or silt traps may be temporary, but shall not be removed without the approval of building inspector/designee.

(9) Damage to vegetation or stream banks or waterways (those not regulated in other chapters of this code) shall be minimized within five (5) feet of each bank, except as necessary for the installation of utilities, development of roads, or construction of retention ponds and related drainage improvements.

(10) Land shall be developed to the extent possible in increments of workable size that can be completed in a single construction season. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be coordinated with the sequence of grading development and construction operations. Control measures such as berms, interceptor ditches, terraces, and sediment and silt traps shall be put into effect prior to any other stage of development.

(11) The permanent vegetation shall be installed on the construction site as soon as utilities are in place and final grades are achieved. However, without prior approval of an alternate plan by the Sourgoinville Planning Commission, permanent or temporary soil stabilization must be applied to disturbed areas within seven (7) days from substantial completion of grading and where disturbed areas will remain unfinished for more than thirty (30) calendar days.

(12) Retention facilities and drainage structures shall, where possible, use natural topography and natural vegetation. In lieu thereof, these structures shall have planted trees and vegetation such as shrubs and permanent ground cover on their borders. Plant varieties shall be those sustainable in a drainage way environment. Woody material, such as trees, shall be kept from encroaching on the dam. Utilities shall not be constructed through the stormwater control device and must be accessible without disturbing the device.

(13) In many situations, retention facilities and drainage structures need to be fenced in order to protect public safety. The Surgoinsville Planning Commission may require fencing for any basin or structure. When the planning commission requires fencing for any basin or structure. When the planning commission requires fencing, the following specifications apply. Alternate fencing plans may be considered when requested by the developer, residents, or if the planning commission feels some other form of fencing is more appropriate for the site.

- (a) A minimum height of six (6) feet;
- (b) Line post must be 1 7/8" diameter, 16 gauge;
- (c) Fence must be chained link of a minimum of 9 gauge, or approved alternative;
- (d) A lockable access gate of a minimum width of 12 feet must be provided to allow access by equipment and machinery as needed for maintenance.

(14) SWPPP plans must meet minimum requirements established in Tennessee Code Annotated as follows:

- (a) Name of applicant;
  - (b) Business or residence address of applicant;
  - (c) Name and address of owners of property involved in activity;
  - (d) Address and legal description of property, and names of adjoining property owners;
  - (e) Name(s) and address(es) of contractor(s), if different from applicant, and any subcontractor(s) who shall undertake the land disturbing activity and who shall implement the drainage and sedimentation control plan;
  - (f) A brief description of the nature, extent, and purpose of the land disturbing activity;
  - (g) Proposed schedule for starting and completing project.
- (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-409. Plan development at owner's/developer's expense.** Unless specifically approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, all SWPPPs shall be developed and presented at the expense of the owner/developer. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-410. Plan submitted to building inspector.** Six (6) copies of the SWPPP shall be submitted directly to the building inspector at least fifteen (15) days prior to consideration. Any insufficiencies, violations noted or comments will be directed back to the applicant/developer. The plan will then be revised as required prior to being presented to the Surgoinsville Planning Commission. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-411. Final plan reviewed within sixty days.** The Surgoinsville Planning Commission shall review SWPPPs as quickly as possible while still allowing for a thorough evaluation of the problems and mitigation measures identified and addressed. However, under no circumstances shall the planning commission take more than sixty (60) days to approve or disapprove the final submittal. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-412. Grading permit and bond.** Following approval of the SWPPP by the planning commission, a grading permit shall be obtained from the building inspector. No grading permit shall be issued until a contractor performance bond is posted in the amount determined to be reasonable by the planning commission. The bond may not be higher than an amount equal to the estimated cost of the improvements, and said bond shall only be released by the building inspector following completion of construction and acceptance of the grading, vegetation, drainage, and erosion and sedimentation control measures. The bond shall be made out to the Town of Surgoinsville and if issued in conjunction with a subdivision plan, shall include the cost of paving, landscaping, and utilities including street lights. If it appears that the SWPPP activities approved by the Surgoinsville Regional Planning Commission will not be implemented within a twelve (12) month period, the Surgoinsville Planning Commission at its discretion after the notice of noncompliance has been properly issued as outlined in § 14-416 of this chapter and the developer has failed to comply, may cash said contractor's performance bond to complete all of the improvements approved or any portion of the SWPPP activities it deems necessary to protect the health and safety of residents and to protect the quality of local waters. Upon the posting of the bond, the developer must sign and have notarized and approved a certification granting permission for any SWPPP activities, and any landscaping, paving and utility improvements also approved, to be made on the property in case of default. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-413. Building inspector and/or town designee may require additional protective measures.** The building inspector and/or the town's designee has the authority at their discretion to require ground cover or other remediation measures preventing stormwater, erosion and sediment run-off, if either determines after construction begins that the plan and/or implementation schedule approved by the planning commission does not adequately provide the protection intended in the ordinance and in the approval issued by the

commission. Additional protective measures required by the building inspector and/or the town designee that fall under the authority of the planning commission are subject to appeal under the procedures outlined in § 14-428 of this chapter. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-414. Retention/detention facilities and drainage structures maintained.** All on-site retention basins and drainage structures shall be properly maintained by the owner/developer during all phases of construction and development so that they do not become a nuisance. Nuisance conditions shall include improper storage resulting in uncontrolled run-off and overflow; stagnant water with concomitant algae growth, insect breeding, and odors; discarded debris; and safety hazards created by the facilities operation. The building inspector has the responsibility to see that the retention basin is properly maintained and operational. The developer shall provide the necessary permanent easements to provide town personnel access to the retention facilities and drainage structures for periodic inspection. A right-of-way to conduct such inspections shall be expressly reserved in the permit. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-415. Improperly maintained retention/detention facilities and drainage structures a violation.** The building inspector and/or town designee shall periodically monitor and inspect the care, maintenance and operation of retention facilities and drainage structures during and after construction and development. Facilities found to be a nuisance, as defined in the Surgoinsville Municipal Code, are in violation of the ordinance and are subject to fines of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day with each additional day considered a separate violation. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-416. Town may take ownership of retention facilities and drainage structures.** The Surgoinsville Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall have the authority to accept or take ownership of retention facilities and drainage structures on behalf of the town provided that the board and planning commission feel the public interest is best served by the town providing on-going responsibility for maintenance for upkeep. In such cases, approval of the transfer of ownership shall only occur after the planning commission and the board of mayor and aldermen have received an inspection report from the building inspector that certifies said devices have been properly constructed and landscaped, are operating effectively, and appropriate safety and protective measures have been implemented or constructed. Transfer of ownership to the town shall occur at or near the completion of the subdivision or development and the developer must provide fee simple title to the property on which the retention/detention basin or drainage structure is located and/or any necessary easements allowing the Town of Surgoinsville access to the facilities for routine maintenance and care. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-417. Technical assistance.** Through a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Surgoinsville, the Hawkins County Soil Conservation District staff and the Hawkins County extension agent are available for consultation and advice concerning stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation problems to all persons planning to develop land within the town or under the subdivision jurisdiction of the Surgoinsville Planning Commission. Tennessee Local Planning Assistance Office (LPAO) and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) staff may also be consulted. The planning commission and building inspector will use these consultants as needed to review SWPPPs prior to approval and provide assistance to the building inspector with inspections. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-418. Building inspector and/or designee responsible for providing safeguards in projects less than one acre.** Projects undertaken within the corporate limits of Surgoinsville that are not subject to review and approval of the Surgoinsville Planning Commission shall fall under the responsibility of the Surgoinsville Building Inspector and/or the town designee to see that the measures required in this chapter to protect the health and safety of the people and to protect the quality of surface waters are carried out as needed. The building inspector shall require reasonable drainage, erosion and sedimentation control measures as part of the grading permit process outlined in § 14-405. Under no conditions shall the building inspector or town designee allow silt or sedimentation to enter drainage ways or adjoining properties, or allow stormwater flows to adversely impact adjoining properties. Denuded area, cuts and slopes shall be properly covered within the same schedule as directed in § 14-407(14) of this chapter. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-419. Grading permit also required for any project on less than one acre involving grading, filling, or excavation.** A grading permit is also required for any development or construction activity, except as exempted in § 14-404 and those activities exempted from the definition of land disturbing activity, on property one acre or less. However, said development and construction activities do not require a formal SWPPP unless specifically requested by the planning commission. The building inspector shall require that all grading, vegetation, drainage, stormwater, erosion and sedimentation control measures necessary shall be implemented and shall meet the objectives established in this chapter. Developers must also present to the building inspector a description of the measures that will be taken to address the requirements established in § 14-404(14) and (15) of this chapter--avoiding mud, sediment, rock and debris on public ways and streets. These measures must be addressed prior to the building inspector issuing a grading permit. Measures preventing excess run-off and erosion must be in place prior to the commencement of grading and/or excavation. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-420. Existing developed properties with drainage, erosion and sediment concerns.** Properties of any size within the corporate limits of the Town of Surgoinville that have been developed or in which land disturbing activities have previously been undertaken, are subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Denuded areas still existing must be with appropriate vegetation and/or mulch.
- (2) Cuts and slopes must be properly covered with appropriate vegetation and/or retaining walls constructed.
- (3) Drainage ways shall be properly covered in vegetation or secured with stones, etc. to prevent erosion.
- (4) Junk, rubbish, etc. shall be cleared of drainage ways to help minimize possible contamination of stormwater run-off.
- (5) Stormwater run-off in commercial areas, office or medical facilities, and multi family residences of three (3) or more units shall be controlled to the extent reasonable to prevent pollution of local waters. Such control measures shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (a) Oil skimmer/grit collector structure. These structures are designed to skim off floatables out of parking lots and other impervious surfaces, and allow solids of debris and sediment to settle before being discharged in a local waterway.
  - (b) Retention basins.
  - (c) Planting and/or sowing of vegetation.
  - (d) Rip-rapping, mulching, and other similar erosion control measures associated with local drainage ways. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-421. Improvements required in existing development normally at owner's expense.** Drainage and sediment control measures required in existing developed properties shall normally be undertaken at the property or business owner's expense. The board of mayor and aldermen, however, at its discretion in circumstances in which board members feel the town's participation is essential to protecting the health and safety of residents and the water quality of Surgoinville's drainage ways, may approve cost sharing needed drainage and sedimentation control measures. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-422. Town may take responsibility for existing retention facilities and drainage structures.** The Surgoinville Board of Mayor and Aldermen may, on behalf of the town, take responsibility for existing retention facilities and drainage structures if the Surgoinville Planning Commission or the board of mayor and aldermen itself so determines that the general public is better served when said facilities are under the long term maintenance responsibility of the town. Facilities considered shall be accepted as outlined in § 14-417 of this chapter. The Surgoinville Planning Commission may also

recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen that the town participates in making certain improvements to existing facilities in addition to accepting responsibility for their long term maintenance and care if the commission feels said improvements are in the best interest of the general public. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-423. Improvements required with existing developments subject to appeal.** Improvements required by the building inspector and/or town designee as outlined in § 14-414 of this chapter are subject to appeal by the property/business owners to the Surgoinsville Planning Commission as specified in § 14-428. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-424. Monitoring, reports, and inspections.** The building inspector and/or town designee, with the possible assistance of the soil conservationist and/or the county extension agent, shall make periodic inspections of the land disturbing activities, the stormwater management system installations, and other activities requiring a grading permit to ensure compliance with the approved plan. Inspections will evaluate whether the measures required in the SWPPP and/or grading permit and undertaken by the developer are effective in controlling erosion. The right of entry to conduct such inspections shall be expressly reserved in the permit. If the building inspector and/or town designee determines that the permit holder has failed to comply with plan approval, the following procedures shall apply:

(1) A notice from the building inspector and/or town designee shall be served on the permit holder either by registered or certified mail, delivered by hand to the permit holder or an agent or employee of the permitted supervising the activities, or by posting the notice at the work site in a visible location, that the permit holder is in noncompliance.

(2) The notice of noncompliance shall specify the measures needed to comply and shall specify the time within which such corrective measures shall be completed. The building inspector and/or town designee shall require a reasonable period of time for the permitted to implement measures bringing the project into compliance; however, if it is determined by the building inspector and/or town designee that health and safety factors or the damage resulting from noncompliance is extremely severe, immediate action may be required.

(3) If the permit holder fails to comply within the time specified, the permit may be subject to revocation. In addition, the permitted shall be deemed to be in violation of the ordinance comprising this chapter and thus shall be subject to the penalties provided in this chapter.

(4) In conjunction with the issuance of a notice of non-compliance or subsequent to the permittee not completing the corrective measures directed in the time period required, the building inspector or town designee may issue an order requiring all or part of the land disturbing activities on the site be stopped. The stop work order may be issued with or as part of the notice of



noncompliance, or may be delivered separately in the same manner as directed in § 14-124(1). (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-425. Certificate of occupancy not issued until compliance with plan verified.** The building inspector will not issue a certificate of occupancy necessary to occupy any commercial or residential establishment until all aspects of the drainage and sedimentation control plan have been completed, control devices constructed have been approved and accepted, and, if within a subdivision or commercial development, all paving, landscaping, and utilities, including street lighting if decorative lights are used, are approved and accepted. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-426. Plan construction acceptance and bond release.** SWPPP activities must be inspected and accepted by the building inspector and/or the town designee. If within a commercial or subdivision development, streets, sidewalks, curbs and alleys, landscaping, street lighting, water, sewer, and any installation of power, telephone, cable, and gas utilities must be approved and accepted by the appropriate official. All monitoring and regulatory authorities shall complete an approval and acceptance form before the building inspector releases the associated performance bond. The building inspector and/or town designee will sign a release on the approval and acceptance form as soon as all of the project criteria have been satisfied and approved. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-427. Appeal of administrative action.** Actions taken by the building inspector and/or town designee as authorized in §§ 14-414, 4-419, 14-425, 14-426 and 4-427 are subject to review by the Surgoinsville Planning Commission provided an appeal is filed in writing with the chairman of the planning commission within thirty (30) days from the date any written or verbal decision has been made which the developer feels adversely affects his/her rights, duties or privileges to engage in the land disturbing activity and/or associated development proposed. Drainage and sediment mitigation actions required by the building inspector and/or town designee with existing properties or developments are also subject to appeal to the Surgoinsville Planning Commission provided that appeals are made in writing, within thirty (30) days of receiving formal notification to the commission chairman citing the specific reason(s) the activity or activities required present a hardship and cannot be implemented. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-428. Town clean-up resulting from violations at developer/owner's expense.** Town staff is authorized to take remedial actions to prevent, clean-up, repair or otherwise correct situations in which water, sediment, rock, vegetation, etc. ends up on public streets and/or right-of-ways resulting from violations of this chapter; where necessary drainage,

erosion and sedimentation control measures have not been properly implemented. In such cases, the cost of labor, equipment, and materials used will be charged to the developer/owner in addition to a service charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour. The town will invoice the developer/owner directly, and payment shall be received within fourteen (14) days. Failure to pay for remedial actions taken by the town under this section may result in the town attorney filling a lien against the property involved in the action. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-429. Penalties enforcement.** Any developer or person who shall commit any act declared unlawful under this chapter, who violates any provision of this chapter, who violates the provisions of any permit issued pursuant to this chapter, or who fails or refuses to comply with any lawful communication or notice to abate or take corrective action by any authorized enforcement officer or the Surgoinsville Planning Commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and each day of such violation or failure to comply shall be deemed a separate offense and punishable accordingly. Upon conviction, the developer or person shall be subject to fines of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, with each following day constituting a new offense. Unless otherwise specified within a section of this chapter, the building inspector is the designated enforcement officer of the ordinance comprising this chapter. The building inspector/town designee or any Surgoinsville Police Officer may issue citations for violations. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

**14-430. Legal status provisions.** (1) Conflict with other ordinances. In case of conflict between this ordinance or any part thereof, and the whole or part of any existing or future ordinance of the Town of Surgoinsville, the most restrictive shall in all cases apply.

(2) Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any remaining provisions which are not of themselves invalid or unconstitutional. (Ord. #25-2002, April 2003)

## CHAPTER 5

### MOBILE HOME PARKS

#### SECTION

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**14-501. Definitions.** (1) "Mobile home." A detached single-family dwelling unit with all of the following characteristics:

(a) Designed for long-term occupancy, and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath, and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems.

(b) Designed to be transported after fabrication on its own wheels, or on flatbed or other trailers or detachable wheels.

(c) Arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete, including major appliances and furniture, and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on foundation supports, connection to utilities, and the like.

(2) "Mobile home park" shall mean any plot of ground containing a minimum of two acres upon which two or more mobile homes are located or are intended to be located, but does not include sites where unoccupied mobile homes are on display for sale.

(3) "Buffer strip" shall mean a plant material which will provide a screen not less than six (6) feet in height.

(4) "Health officer" shall mean the health officer of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee or his authorized representative.

(5) "Building inspector" shall mean the building inspector of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee or his authorized representative.

(6) "Plumbing inspector" shall mean the plumbing inspector of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee or his authorized representative.

(7) "Electrical inspector" shall mean the electrical inspector of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee or his authorized representative. (1992 Code, § 14-402)

**14-502. Minimum standards.** (1) The site shall be located on a well drained and flood free site with proper drainage.

- (2) The site shall not be exposed to objectionable smoke, noise, odors, insect or rodent harborage or other adverse influences.
- (3) The site shall be located with direct access to an open public street.
- (4) There shall be buffer strips along side and rear lot lines of the park.
- (5) Each mobile home space shall be a minimum of two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet with a minimum of seventy five (75) feet in depth, and shall abut on a driveway with unobstructed access to open approved public street. Each mobile home shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from property lines and space lines, and there shall be a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet between mobile homes.
- (6) Each mobile home space shall provide a two hundred (200) square foot space for an automobile parking space.
- (7) No service building shall be located less than twenty (20) feet from any mobile home space. Service buildings shall be of permanent construction, adequately ventilated and lighted and built in conformity to all town codes and ordinances.
- (8) The public water supply and sanitary sewer connections shall be provided to each mobile home space. Piping and connections shall be as specified and approved by the plumbing inspector.
- (9) Each mobile home park shall provide a common area for playgrounds, and leisure time pursuits totaling a minimum of five hundred (500) square feet for each mobile home space exclusive of roadways, mobile home spaces and parking spaces.
- (10) All service buildings shall be convenient to the spaces which they solely serve and shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (11) The drives, walks, and parking areas shall be paved with a hard surface material which shall be not less than a double bituminous surface.
- (12) Driveways shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet in width.
- (13) Any part of the park area not used for buildings or other structures, parking, or access ways shall be landscaped with grass, trees, shrubs, and pedestrian walks.
- (14) The park shall be adequately lighted. (1992 Code, § 14-403)

**14-503. General plan.** The owner or lessee of the land parcel proposed for a mobile home park shall submit a plan for development to the Surgoinsville Regional Planning Commission for approval. The plan shall show:

- (1) The park plan drawn to scale.
- (2) The area and dimensions of the proposed park.
- (3) The location and width of all roadways and walkways.
- (4) The location and dimensions of any proposed service buildings and structures.
- (5) The location of all water and sewer lines.
- (6) The location of all equipment and facilities for refuse disposal and other park improvements.

- (7) A plan for drainage of the park.
- (8) A certificate of accuracy signed by the surveyor or engineer that the engineering work is correct.
- (9) Certificates and signatures of the health officer and building, electrical and plumbing inspectors.
- (10) A certificate for planning commission approval.
- (11) Any other information deemed pertinent by the planning commission. (1992 Code, § 14-404)

**14-504. Registration.** (1) Operators of all mobile home parks situated in the corporate limits of Surgoinsville shall keep a complete and permanent register of the inhabitants of the park, noting the following information:

- (a) Car license number and state.
  - (b) Names, age and sex of occupants of each mobile home.
  - (c) Dates of admission to and departure from the park.
- (2) No space shall be rented for residential use of a mobile home in any such park except for periods of thirty (30) days or more, and no mobile home shall be admitted to any park unless it can be demonstrated that it meets the requirements of the building, housing, plumbing, electrical, fire and health officer of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee. (1992 Code, § 14-405)

**14-505. Permits.** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or operate a mobile home park within the limits of the town, unless such person shall first obtain a permit.

(2) The annual permit fee for each mobile home park shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for each mobile home space situated within a mobile home park, with a minimum fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00).

(3) The annual renewal of permits for mobile home parks shall be issued by the building inspector. The issuance of annual permits shall be contingent upon inspection and approval of the park by the health officer and building inspector. (1992 Code, § 14-406)

**14-506. Enforcement.** (1) These regulations shall be enforced by the building inspector.

(2) Any person or persons who shall willfully neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. (1992 Code, § 14-407)

**14-507. Legal status provisions.** (1) Conflict with other ordinances. In case of conflict between this chapter or any part thereof, and the whole or part of any existing or future ordinance of the Town of Surgoinsville the most restrictive shall in all cases apply.

(2) Validity. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this chapter shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this chapter which is not of itself invalid or unconstitutional. (1992 Code, § 14-408)