

The Richlands Town Council held a Joint “Public Hearing” with the Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 5:45pm in the Richlands Council Chambers with the following present:

Mayor: Rod. D. Cury
Town Attorney: Michael Thomas
Finance Manager: Ronnie Campbell
Office Manager: Susan Whitt
Town Clerk: Amanda Beheler
Council Members: Seth White, Gary Jackson, Rick Wood, Jordan Bales, Jan White, and Laura Mollo.

Mayor Cury opened the meeting.

The Invocation and Pledge was led by Laura Mollo

Mayor Cury advised the Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission is for the purpose of receiving Public Comment regarding the amendments to The Townwide Zoning Ordinance found in The Town Code of Ordinances Section §154.001.

Billy Shelton, Director of Water and Community Assets/Zoning and Nathan Keene, Zoning Permit Technician, gave a brief overview of this Ordinance and the requested amendments to the Council. Mr. Shelton advised the amendments were to bring the town in line with the county and other towns within the county.

Mrs. Mollo asked if computer-based businesses would still be required to get a business license.

Mr. Bales stated that Mr. May had advised him previously that if clients were coming to the home, or wherever the business may be, the business would need a license.

Mr. Wood asked if this Ordinance is passed, would it open the Town up for more business, Mr. Shelton advised it would.

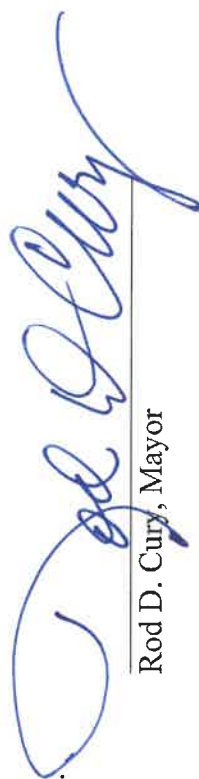
Mr. White spoke to the Council about the difference between “Tourist Homes” and traditional Bed & Breakfasts. Mr. White clarified the 2,000 square feet does not apply to “Tourist Homes”.

Mr. Jackson advised the state classifies anything under 400ft as a “Tiny Home”.

There were no further questions or comments.

Mayor Cury closed the Joint Public Hearing.


Amanda Beheler, Town Clerk


Rod D. Cury, Mayor