

TOWN OF AMHERST NOTICE

TO TOWN OF AMHERST GENERAL PUBLIC AND BUSINESSES

Effective at 5:00 p.m. March 20, 2020 Amherst Town Hall will be closed until further notice

For more information go to www.amherstva.gov

The Town of Amherst is taking several measures to support the goal of protecting the well-being of our citizens and employees. With this in mind employees will be rotating times in an attempt to answer any and all phone calls received.

GENERAL PUBLIC:

In an effort to conduct business to the greatest extent possible in a manner that avoids direct interpersonal contact or physical presence within Town Hall, payment of taxes, fees and utilities must be made through one of the following:

- online access at amherstva.gov
- via U.S. mail, at Town of Amherst, P. O. Box 280, Amherst, VA 24521
- by use of the secure “drop box” located at the side of the building at 174 S. Main Street, Amherst, VA.



If you choose to pay online you may submit your forms separately. Other services (such as applications for permits, licenses, and applications for utility services) may be negotiated by use of telephone or e-mail communication. Many forms can be downloaded from www.amherstva.gov (and identified by using the Search tool).

TOWN BUSINESSES

While we understand and share the public’s anxiety and concern about the impacts of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, it is important for everyone to note that according to the Code of Virginia businesses are simply collectors of the Meal and Beverage Tax and Lodging Tax for the Town and this money is not

for business use. Businesses are advised to always keep this money separate to remit for payment. Therefore,

- Meal and Beverage Tax and Lodging Tax remains due by the 20th of each month or penalties and interest will begin to accrue.

However, in light of the IRS ruling extending tax filing deadlines to July 15, 2020, and the Town's 2019 tax documentation for Business License verification requirement,

- Deadline for payment of Town of Amherst Business License Tax is extended to August 1, 2020, without penalties or interest.

You may place payments and forms in our drop box on the side of the building at 174 S. Main Street, Amherst, VA 24521, or make payment online and submit your forms separately.

We want to stress that we do understand the impact that this virus is having on the economy, our citizens and our own families. As things are changing daily, the Town's website and social media sites will be kept up-to-date for questions that everyone might have.

Please stay safe and healthy and know that we are all in this together.