

**TOWN OF AMHERST
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Town of Amherst Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 7:00 PM on April 2, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 South Main Street, Amherst, VA, on the following five matters:

(1) Capital Improvement Program

To receive comments on the Town's 2025 – 2026 Capital Improvement Program that identifies acquisition, construction and improvement of town facilities, and acquisition of capital equipment.

A document containing the complete Capital Improvement Program proposal and supporting documentation is available online at www.amherstva.gov and for inspection in the Town Hall during normal working hours.

(2) Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Town of Amherst Budget

This budget synopsis is prepared and published for informative planning purposes only. The inclusion of any item does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Town Council to appropriate funds for that purpose. There is no allocation or designation of Town of Amherst funds for any purpose until an appropriation for that purpose has first been made by the Town Council.

Estimated Revenues

General Fund	\$1,869,944
Water Fund	\$1,643,647
Sewer Fund	\$1,284,487
Garbage Fund	\$171,850
EDA Fund	\$73,476

Estimated Expenditures

General Fund	\$1,869,944
Water Fund	\$1,643,647
- Operations	\$1,189,600
- Debt Service and Capital Projects	\$454,047
Sewer Fund	\$1,284,487
- Operations	\$898,644
- Debt Service and Capital Projects	\$385,843
Garbage Fund	\$171,850
EDA Fund	\$73,476

The proposed budget includes a continuation of the real estate tax rate at \$0.00/\$100.00 of assessed value and the personal property tax rate at \$0.00/\$100.00 of assessed value. It maintains the meals and beverage tax rate at 6% as well as all current business license rates and categories.

The proposed budget also includes an increase in Administrative Fees which are as follows:

Application Type	Application Fee
Permitted Use	No fee
Special Use Permit	\$500
Zoning Map Amendment	\$500 + \$150/acre over 5 acres
Variance	\$500
Site Plan	\$500 + \$150/acre
Any other application to the Board of Zoning Appeals	\$300
Preliminary Plat	\$150

Final Plat	\$150 + \$50/lot
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The proposed budget includes an approximately 10% increase in water and sewer rates, while maintaining the current garbage collection rate of \$12.50. The proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Rate Component</u>	<u>In Town Residential Base Charge</u>	<u>In Town Use Charge per 1,000 gallons</u>	<u>Out of Town Residential Base Charge</u>	<u>Out of Town Use Charge per 1,000 gallons</u>
Water:				
Effective July 1, 2025	\$17.05	\$8.50	\$34.10	\$17.00
Sewer:				
Effective July 1, 2025	\$29.20	\$7.30	\$58.40	\$14.60

A document containing the complete Budget proposal and supporting documentation is available online at www.amherstva.gov and for inspection in the Town Hall during normal working hours.

All interested persons may express their views by emailing tracie.morgan@amherstva.gov prior to the meeting. Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the Town Hall Office at 434-946-7885.

(3) Application to Rezone

To consider an application of Actual Surveyors, LLC, on behalf of Sandra L. Brown, to rezone a portion of Lot 15 (Tax Map No. 95-A-1), consisting of 0.768 acres and generally known as 305 Sunset Drive, Amherst, VA which, if approved, would rezone the property from A-1 to R-1.

(4) Amendment to Art. III, Chapter 20

To discuss proposed changes to Amherst Town Code Article III, Chapter 20 Administration and Enforcement, that would, if approved, amend parking regulations in town, enable council to limit parking, and include specific time limits and locations.

(5) Application to Rezone – Vista Drive

To consider an application of Stuart Johnson to rezone 3.47 acres located at the end of Vista Drive (Tax Map Nos. 82-A-47 and 96A 1 1 B 6, 33), which, if approved, would rezone the property from A-1 to R-1.

All interested persons may express their views by emailing sara.mcguiffin@amherstva.gov prior to the meeting. Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the Town Hall Office at 434-946-7885.

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