



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### Board Amends Meals Tax Ordinance

After a public hearing at their September 19, 2023 meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt changes to the Meal Tax Ordinance. The 2% tax increase applies to prepared meals and will be used to finance the Amherst County High School renovation project, along with several other capital improvement projects looming in the near future. The Board of Supervisors determined that it would be best to increase the meals tax from 4% to 6% as a means of providing a revenue stream for such projects. The increase makes the County's meals tax on prepared food equal to the Town of Amherst and .5% below the City of Lynchburg's Meals Tax. The new new tax rate will go into effect January 1, 2024.