



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### Business Tax Public Hearing

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing regarding Business Equity Tax Change proposals during their 7:00 pm meeting on September 15, 2020. The Public Hearing will address proposed changes to the Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) Tax, Business Equipment Tax, as well as the elimination of Merchant's Capital Tax.

The process for the proposed tax changes has taken place over the past year and included a survey of local businesses and a Town Hall meeting that was held on August 18, 2020 at which citizens were invited to ask questions about changes to BPOL, Business Equipment, Merchants Capital, Meals, and Cigarette taxes. The Board decided to move forward with changes to BPOL, Business Equipment, and Merchants Capital taxes at their September 1, 2020 meeting. Discussions on adjusting the Meals Tax and Cigarette Tax have been deferred until a later time.

Information about the proposed tax changes can be found on the County website in the Board of Supervisors' July 7, 2020 meeting agenda: <https://www.countyofamherst.com/meetings/>.

Those who wish to speak during the Public hearing need to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 15, 2020. To assist with social distancing, chairs in the Public Meeting Room have been moved six feet apart. With this adjustment, the room can accommodate thirty-three people. In accordance with Governor Northam's Executive Order 63, we request that you wear masks during public meetings.

All regular Board of Supervisors meetings are streamed live on YouTube and can be found on the County's channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQOX\\_fj6WayGu\\_Hp8eZNVA/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQOX_fj6WayGu_Hp8eZNVA/featured?view_as=subscriber)