

March 20, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TOWN OF NORTH WILKESBORO TO CLOSE PUBLIC ACCESS TO TOWN HALL

Closure in response to Governor's announcement of 'community spread', essential services unaffected.

[North Wilkesboro, NC, March 20, 2020] – Beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020, public access to North Wilkesboro Town Hall will be prohibited. This action is being taken to protect town employees from person-to-person transmission of the coronavirus.

Despite this closure, town services are open and available. See below for a list of changes or modifications to town operations.

North Wilkesboro Police Department – No changes to public facing services. Residents are urged to dial 911 in case of emergency.

North Wilkesboro Fire Department – Medical calls involving patients with flu-like symptoms will be dispatched to Wilkes County EMS. North Wilkesboro Fire Department personnel will assist as needed. Fire and other emergency calls will be fielded as normal. Residents are urged to dial 911 in case of emergency.

Water/Sewer Department – No changes to water/sewer service. Customers are encouraged to use online bill pay here. In person bill pay is available only at the Town Hall's walk-up payment window on Main St. No public access to Town Hall lobby for bill pay.

Parks and Recreation – Woodlawn Recreation Center is hereby closed until further notice. Chickenques scheduled for March and April at Town of North Wilkesboro facilities are postponed. Outdoor parks will remain open for individual use. Bathroom facilities will open for the season earlier than normal, with more frequent cleaning.

Planning and Inspections – Staff will be available by appointment only. Call 336-667-7129. Planning staff will conduct business by phone and virtually when able. Inspections staff will implement additional safeguards to inspection meetings to maintain social distancing.

Public Works – No changes to public works services including refuse collection.

Tourism – The opening of the Yadkin Valley Farmers Market will be closed through the month of April. Cruise-Ins scheduled for April 4 and April 11 are cancelled.

Administration and Finance – Staff will be available by appointment only. Call 336-667-7129. Staff will conduct business by phone and virtually when able.

Board of Commissioners – Official Board of Commissioners meetings will proceed as planned with modifications to maintain social distancing.