



# Town of Mars Hill

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 20, 2020**

## **MARS HILL TAKES ADDITIONAL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ACTIONS**

**Mars Hill, NC** – The Town of Mars Hill has taken additional steps to address the coronavirus COVID-19 situation. Today, the Town closed park facilities on both Park Drive and Forest Street to the public. In addition, effective Monday, March 23, 2020, Town Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available to conduct business by telephone and other electronic means.

**The Town has implemented actions to take utility payments by telephone for credit/debit cards, and payment by check can be deposited in the walk-up drop box at the Town Hall front entrance, and the new drive-thru payment box in the Town Hall parking lot. This new drive through payment box is located near the steps to the rear entrance and is marked with appropriate signage. Please utilize one of these options or send your payment by U.S. Mail.**

The Town of Mars Hill believes the COVID-19 virus is serious and has implemented these actions to contain and mitigate its effects on our citizens and employees. The locally declared State of Emergency issued on March 13, 2020 remains in place. All actions are pursuant to guidance from the NCDHHS and CDC.

### **Town actions consist of the following:**

1. Local State of Emergency declared. No interruption in essential town services.
2. Suspended all water system disconnections.
3. Restricted public access to town facilities, including closing all parks.
4. Assemblies on Town property are restricted.
5. Designated downtown parking spaces to support restaurants take out/curb delivery service.
6. COVID-19 Information placed on Town Website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.
7. Continually monitoring the situation and communicating with federal, state, county and regional partners for additional appropriate actions.

All essential town service – police, fire, sanitation, water and sewer services – continue uninterrupted. Should there be any questions about these actions, please contact the Mars Hill Town Hall at (828) 689-2301.

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