

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The County Commissioners of Carroll County will hold a **virtual** public hearing on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. to hear public comments on a proposed amendment to the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County, Title III, Administration, which would create Chapter 37, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Specifically, Chapter 37 would establish a department of County government and a director of that department, which would be responsible for the full scope of fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous material, emergency medical services, and other related public safety functions provided to Carroll County and its municipalities. Participating individual volunteer fire and rescue organizations and the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (CCVESA) would operate as organizational components of the department.

Interested persons can view the proceedings by accessing the live stream through the County Facebook page; County YouTube channel; Meeting Portal; and Comcast Channel 24. For information regarding how to comment during the public comment portion of the hearing, please contact the Office of the County Commissioners at 410-386-2043 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday prior to the date of the hearing.

The Commissioners may make amendments to the proposed legislation based upon the comments received at the hearing and may do so without further hearing. Therefore, it is important for interested persons to be present.

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410-386-3600 or 1-888-302-8978 or MD Relay 7-1-1/1-800-735-2258 as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

To request that a copy of the proposed amendment be emailed or sent through the regular mail, please leave a voice mail message 410-386-2030 or send an email to [PIARequests@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:PIARequests@carrollcountymd.gov). **The proposed amendment will also be available on the County's website (<https://carrollcountymd.gov>)**. Questions and/or written comments should be addressed to Robert McCoy, Director, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services ([bmccoy@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:bmccoy@carrollcountymd.gov)), phone 410-386-2075, 225 North Center Street, Suite 300, Westminster, Maryland, 21157, MD Relay Service 7-1-1/800-735-2258, and will be considered if received prior to the close of the hearing. Both oral or written comments may be given at the hearing.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND