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Ethics Ordinance to go to Public Hearing 2/27/18

Westminster, MD, Friday, January 26, 2018 – The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) discussed a local ethics ordinance and voted 4-1 (Commissioner Rothschild dissenting) to direct staff to proceed to public hearing with the ordinance, which contains state mandated financial disclosure requirements and conflict of interest provisions.

In addition, the BCC also voted unanimously to direct staff to request that the State Ethics Commission consider enacting regulations to address privacy and public safety concerns raised by the required financial disclosure statements. The Board also approved a provision requiring all candidates for elected local office in 2018 to submit a financial disclosure form consistent with the amended ordinance, no later than 30 days prior to the Primary Election.

The State Ethics Law requires that counties must make local officials subject to conflict of interest and financial disclosure ordinances that meet or exceed the state's requirements for state officials.

A public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in Room 003 of the County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street, Westminster to get input from Carroll County citizens. Any citizen who is unable to attend the public hearing is encouraged to send comments via email to commissioners@ccg.carr.org or by mail to: Carroll County Commissioners, 225 N. Center Street, Westminster, MD, 21157.

This open session will be available for viewing on the [county meeting portal](#), [YouTube channel](#), and the county [Facebook page](#). In addition, all meetings will be replayed on Comcast Channel 24.

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