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# **Commissioners Update No-Smoking Policy at County Facilities**

**Westminster, MD, Thursday, September 27, 2018** – Today, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (BCC) voted to update the No Smoking/Tobacco use policy for Carroll County Government buildings.

The new updates to the policy dictate smoking areas must be 50 feet from all county buildings, giving managers of buildings the option to designate specific areas for smoking away from entrances and exits of buildings. The policy exempts the event venues of the Carroll County Farm Museum, Union Mills Homestead and Recovery Support Services and also excludes Department of Citizen Services buildings which must continue their current 100 foot no-smoking radius due to State of Maryland regulations. Carroll County parks will remain non-smoking. The policy will go into effect on Monday, October 1, 2018. The vote also stipulates the BCC will re-visit the policy in six months.

This is an update to the policy implemented in August 2018, which restricted smoking and tobacco use to 15 feet away from county buildings and eliminated smoking and tobacco use in county vehicles and equipment.

Today's open session will be available for viewing on the <u>county meeting portal</u>, <u>YouTube channel</u>, and the <u>county Facebook page</u>. In addition, all meetings will be replayed on Comcast Channel 24.

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