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### County Office Building to Increase Security

**Westminster, MD, Thursday, January 17, 2019** – Today, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners announced they will add additional security procedures to the main County Office Building at 225 N. Center Street, Westminster. Beginning Tuesday, January 22, 2019, all visitors and guests are required to present valid photo identification upon entrance to the building.

The county building is currently one of the most accessible government office buildings in the state, and the county seeks to balance its commitment to remaining as open and welcoming as possible while providing safety to its visitors and employees.

Individuals will present the identification to staff at the entrance to the building. Staff members will log the name, time and destination for the visit then return the documentation to the visitor. Visitors will also notify the Information Desk when departing the building. Individuals unable to provide the photo I.D. could be denied entrance to the building. Examples of identification include: valid driver's license, state identification card, passport, government, military or student I.D. Young children are exempt from the process. This is the procedure to enter the building for any purpose.

Any visitor without valid photo identification may be required to make an appointment in advance. County staff will then meet the visitor in the lobby to escort them to and from the appointment.

"It is out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to protect both county employees and visitors to the building that we put this new procedure into place," said Commissioner Stephen Wantz, President of the Board of County Commissioners. "Carroll County remains resolute in its commitment to openness and transparency and we appreciate, in advance, the understanding and patience of our citizens and visitors as we take this first step in what may be other changes to enhance security for county buildings."

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