

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

COURTHOUSE POLICY ON SMOKING

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 22-23

WHEREAS, Scientific research has demonstrated that smoke, emissions, and aerosols from tobacco and/or cannabis-based cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, water pipes, vaporizers and other smoking apparatuses including, but not limited to, electronic smoking devices are harmful to the health both of individuals who do not smoke and those who do; and

WHEREAS, The Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007 was implemented to protect the public and employees from involuntary exposure to environmental smoke in indoor areas open to the public, indoor places of employment, and certain designated private areas; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Judicial Branch of the State Government, including the Circuit Court for Calvert County, to promote a healthy and safe environment for all persons, including judicial officials and employees who work in, or members of the public who conduct business in or visit, State-owned, leased, or occupied Judicial Branch facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Appeals of Maryland has issued an Administrative Order dated July 22, 2019, Pertaining to Smoking in Judicial Branch Facilities which creates a smoke-free environment in all Maryland Courthouse buildings and campuses; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the Circuit Court for Calvert County to adopt and implement restrictions put into place by the Administrative Order of the Court of Appeals dated July 22, 2019 and to, therefore, issue an Order to include both tobacco and cannabis-related smoking devices that pose similar health risks in the Circuit Court for Calvert County.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark S. Chandlee, Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland, do hereby order this 16th day of December 2022 that, effective January 1, 2023:

- (a) The following policy is adopted to promote a healthful environment in the Circuit Court for Calvert County for employees, attorneys, and all members of the public who may enter the Courthouse and its surrounding campus (see attached map).
- (b) All officials, personnel, and contractors, whether they are compensated by the State or local government, as well as all individuals doing business at or visiting the Circuit Court for Calvert County are prohibited from the following activities while within or in the vicinity of the entrances and exits, including steps or ramps leading thereto, and the courthouse's surrounding campus (see attached map):
 - (1) Consuming tobacco or cannabis via smoking, using, or carrying any activated or lighted cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, water pipes, vaporizers, or other smoking apparatuses including, but not limited to, electronic smoking devices or products that use a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical

means, regardless of shape or size, to produce vapor or smoke from a solution or other substance.

- (c) The Court Administrator, in order to implement this policy, shall develop procedures for:
- (1) Informing Judicial officials, employees, and other affected individuals of the policy, including posting of signage in appropriate locations.
 - (2) Disseminating information on smoking cessation programs.
 - (3) Preventing violations by encouraging voluntary compliance; and
 - (4) Establishing protocols for enforcing compliance, including interventions by security personnel, if necessary.
- (d) Any official or employee of the Circuit Court for Calvert County who is found to have violated the policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
- (e) Any member of the public who is found to have violated the policy is subject to expulsion from the courthouse and its surrounding campus by members of the Calvert County Sherriff's Office.
- (f) To the extent local laws, shared facility policies, or lease requirements are more stringent than this policy, they shall govern.



Mark S. Chandler
Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland

Courthouse
Campus
CALVERT COUNTY
Maryland

Courthouse Campus

courthouse = area within
campus = blue boundary

