

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
AND  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND  
5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SITTING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**POLICY GOVERNING SMOKING/VAPING INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE  
COMPLEX AND NEAR ENTRANCES OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, a policy governing smoking near the entrances to the courthouse was issued. Since that time, the need to reissue has become necessary due to the change of the Administrative Judge in the Circuit Court.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024, by the Administrative Judge for the Prince George's County Circuit Court and of the District Court of Maryland, 5<sup>th</sup> District Sitting in Prince George's County,

**ORDERED**, that the term "Courthouse Complex" as used in this order denotes any court facility located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland or at 4990 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland, and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the phrase "appropriate Administrative Judge" when used in this order means the Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Administrative Judge for the District Court of Maryland, 5<sup>th</sup> District Sitting in Prince George's County, and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that smoking/vaping inside the Courthouse Complex is hereby **PROHIBITED**, and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that smoking/vaping within at least twenty-five (25) feet of the entrances of the Courthouse Complex is hereby **PROHIBITED**, and it is further,

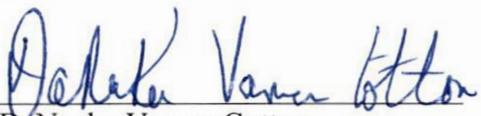
**ORDERED**, that this policy is being taken as a matter of courtesy and concern for the health of those individuals who do not smoke/vape and those who are adversely impacted by the smell, and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that smoking/vaping within the parking garage of the Courthouse Complex is **PROHIBITED**, and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that the Sheriff for Prince George's County, Maryland and 5<sup>th</sup> District Court Bailiffs shall enforce this order, and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that any appeal from action taken by the Sheriff, through an agent, a District Court bailiff, or a Circuit Court bailiff, in carrying out the mandate of this

order must be directed to the appropriate Administrative Judge, or in the absence of the appropriate Administrative Judge to that judge's designee.

  
DaNeeka Varner Cotton  
Administrative Judge  
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

  
Lisa A. Hall Johnson  
District Administrative Judge  
Fifth District Court

Copies sent this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024