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INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE

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Re: Executive Order No. 2020-022 - AMENDING AND RESTATING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-021

Baltimore County issued Executive Order No. 2020-022 on November 18, 2020. Executive Order No. 2020-022 goes into effect at **5:00 p.m.** on **November 20, 2020.**

Baltimore County's Office of Law ("OOL") has received requests for guidance from local businesses and organizations about how to interpret this Executive Order. OOL will publish its responses to requests for guidance, which could apply to multiple businesses and organizations. OOL will update this document as it issues additional responses to requests for guidance.

At this time, OOL recommends that Executive Order No. 2020-022 be interpreted as follows:

Social Gatherings

Indoor social gatherings of more than ten (10) people are prohibited. Outdoor social gatherings of more than twenty-five (25) people are prohibited.

For purposes of Executive Order No. 2020-022, social gatherings do not include gatherings at Retail Establishments, Religious Facilities, Personal Services Establishments, Foodservice Establishments, Indoor Recreation Establishments, Fitness Centers, Gaming Facilities, Racing Facilities, Indoor Theaters or Outdoor Entertainment Venues, as those terms are defined in Executive Order No. 2020-022.

Social gatherings, for purposes of Executive Order No. 2020-022, include, but are not limited to, family gatherings, parties, cookouts, parades, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, and other gatherings not associated with operating or patronizing a business. Social gatherings, for purposes of Executive Order No. 2020-022, shall also include all non-professional, private sports gatherings and events. This includes college and high school athletics as well as youth sports at private establishments, institutions or organizations.

The residents of one household do not constitute a social gathering. If more than one household is present, however, it would constitute a social gathering and each individual present at the gathering would be counted, for purposes of determining compliance, towards the applicable gathering limit.

Recreation and Parks Operations

In addition, OOL seeks to provide clarification as to operations involving the County's Department of Recreation and Parks ("Department"). Effective November 17, 2020, the following guidelines are applicable to adult and youth activities:

- Youth sports under the purview of the County's Department of Recreation and Parks and Recreations Councils are prohibited.
- There will be deployment of Social Distance Ambassadors to parks to assist as necessary.
- Outdoor Groups must be less than 25 people in size and appropriate social distancing must be practiced.
- There must be appropriate use of PPE by park users, including, but not limited to, the use of face coverings.
- No organized games or scrimmages will be allowed.
- All pavilion reservations, outdoor events, leagues and tournaments are cancelled.
- All indoor activities, programs and events are cancelled.
- Licensed Day Care and Fall Learning Youth Clubs can continue to operate at this time.
- Outdoor restroom facilities will be modified in line with facility needs.
- Portable restrooms will remain closed.
- Virtual Recreation programming is authorized to operate.
- Playgrounds remain open at this time.
- Outdoor Basketball courts remain open at this time.
- Outdoor tennis courts remain open at this time.
- Dog Parks remain open at this time.
- Skate Parks remain open at this time.