

TOWN HALL DISCUSSION
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO SMOKING ORDINANCE
October 26, 2009
6:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Maryville, Missouri, met for a Town Hall Discussion, on Monday, October 26, 2009, at City Hall, 415 North Market Street, in said City at 6:00 p.m., to discuss a proposed extension to the existing Smoke-free ordinance to include all public areas and work places. Council Members present were Mayor Chad Jackson, Councilwoman Carole Coutts, and Councilman Shawn Wake. Council Members Patricia Cummings and Ronnie Moss were not present.

The discussion was called to order by Mayor Jackson. The discussion session was formatted to allow citizens from each side, supporters and those opposed, to speak twenty (20) minutes each, followed by another ten (10) minutes each side, for closing.

SUPPORTERS

The following persons were among those who spoke in favor of the proposed extension of the Smoke-free ordinance:

Teri Harr, 1027 Victory Lane,	Jan Russell, 509 North Saunders Street
Eunice Jackson, 316 South Walnut Street	Ed Hurayt, 23540 Lakeview Drive
Sandra Mull, 505 West Lincoln Street	Shelly Robertson, 903 West Send Street
Roland Tullberg, 703 Highland Avenue	Mike Mattock, 811 South Fillmore
Kathy Hurayt, 23540 Lakeview Drive	Bo Duley, 1821 Cypress Road
Brian Elston, 1015 West 16 th Street	Pat Harr, 1027 Victory Lane

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

- Workplace break rooms are smoky
- Would like to participate in bowling but cannot tolerate the smoky atmosphere.
- Recommend no smoking at least twenty feet (20') from any entrance of a public facility.
- Allergies are usually worse in smoky areas.
- Living around smoke increases health risks in many fashions.
- Secondhand smoke is not safe.
- Other Cities have gone smoke-free, without having a long term negative effect on the business.

OPPOSED

Ames Clampit, 31212 312 th Street, Pickering, MO	Debbie Holbrook, 2514 Aurora Avenue
Bryan Lemons, 203 North Vine Street	Cynthia Beaver, 242 Grand Avenue
Belinda Chesnut, 403 South Frederick Avenue	Deon Roush, 709 South Vine Street
Ray Cline, 2514 Aurora Avenue	Jodee Roush, 709 South Vine Street
Sandy Wilmes, 24555 240 th Street	

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

- Submitted a petition with 899 signatures, in opposition to the proposed smoke-free ordinance extension.
- Smokers pay taxes and should have the freedom to smoke where they wish.
- It should be a business owner's choice to allow or disallow smoking in their establishment.
- Concern that some business will not survive if smoking is abolished.
- What rights will be taken away next?
- Bearcat Lanes has specified a smoking area to accommodate all customers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jackson thanked everyone for participating in the session and stated there would be another Town Hall Session on November 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Session was adjourned. A regular scheduled City Council meeting followed at 7:00 p.m.

Chad Jackson, Mayor

Sheila Smail, City Clerk