

TOWN HALL DISCUSSION
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO SMOKING ORDINANCE
November 9, 2009
6:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Maryville, Missouri, met for a Town Hall Discussion, on Monday, November 9, 2009, at the Nodaway County Administration Building, 403 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, Councilman Ronnie Moss, and Councilman Shawn Wake. Council Members Patricia Cummings was 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.

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

OPPOSED

Ames Clampit, 31212 312th Street, Pickering, Mo

Pat Nelson, 1806 South Munn Street

Joan Ray, 225 West 16th Street

Stephanie Sledge, 203 West 12th Street

Joe Belanger, 1009 East First Street

Mark Gailbraith, 317 Park Avenue

Debbie Holbrook, 2514 Aurora Avenue

Cynthia Beaver, 242 Grand Avenue

Deon Roush, 709 South Vine Street

Jodee Roush, 709 South Vine Street

Cynthia Dever, 242 South Grand Street

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

- Submitted a new petition with 602 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.
- A smoking ban may have negative economic impact on the community.
- Non-smokers side with smokers.
- Bearcat Lanes has specified a smoking area to accommodate all customers.
- Question arose as to how the ban would be enforced and if there would be penalties.

SUPPORTERS

Brian Elston, 1015 West 16th Street

Joyce Orick, Kirksville, Mo

Sandra Mull, 505 West Lincoln Street

Mike Mattock, 811 South Fillmore

Kathy Hurayt, 23540 Lakeview Drive

Brian Elston, 1015 West 16th Street

Tracy Harr, 1027 Victory Lane,

Ed Hurayt, 23540 Lakeview Drive

Dr. Kanti Havaldar, 1247 Parkdale Road

Tiffany Bowman, Columbia Mo

Bo Duley, 1821 Cypress Road

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

- Reflected on other cities that have gone smoke-free and the positive impact seen. States are/have gone smoke-free in public areas.
- Data was shared in that seventy (70) percent of students don't use tobacco products.
- Secondhand smoke was compared to exposure of asbestos and noted to cause many health problems of all ages, even the unborn .

- 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.
- It was stated that we all have liberty but that we must give and take for one another for the common good.
- Living around smoke increases health risks in many fashions.
- Other Cities have gone smoke-free, without having a long term negative effect on the business.
- Effects of smoking are causing a rise in healthcare costs

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jackson thanked everyone for participating in the town hall discussion and stated that the City Council will begin to discuss the issue at the December 14, 2009 Council meeting, but that is will only be discussion for the Council. The general public is welcome to attend but will not be allowed to speak.

Mayor Jackson adjourned the session. A regular scheduled City Council meeting followed at City Hall, 415 North Market Street, at 7:00 p.m.

Chad Jackson, Mayor

Sheila Smail, City Clerk