

Webb City Council Rejects Voter Endorsed Smoke-free Ordinance

Webb City voters passed a non-binding straw poll supporting smoke-free air, 57 to 43% on April 5th. The following week the city council voted 5-3 against implementing the smoking restrictions in the southwest Missouri city.

Mayor John Biggs said the citizens vote was only a straw vote to guide the council.

Congratulations for Going Smoke-Free

Voters in **O'Fallon** (St. Louis metro area) and **Springfield** approved smoke-free ordinances on April 5th. The communities will go smoke-free in June.

Voters narrowly rejected an effort to go smoke-free in Cape Girardeau.



Missouri Ranks 2nd Nationally for New Smoke-free Communities



Lorie Snyder of Kansas City and Terri Harr of Maryville accept the ANR award on behalf of Tobacco Free Missouri.

Smoke-free community advocates from across Missouri gathered in Liberty this month to accept the Smoke-free Challenge Award from the national organization, Americans for NonSmokers' Rights. Missouri was recognized because it came in second in the number of communities that approved smoke-free ordinances last year.

Representatives from Kansas City, Liberty, Jefferson City, Columbia, Maryville, St. Louis, Clean Air Metro KC and Tobacco Free Missouri celebrated the award in which Missouri and South Carolina tied for second place among states the passed the most new smoke-free laws in a calendar year. The 2010 smoke-free communities included Maryville, Jefferson City, Fulton, Lake St. Louis, Brentwood and Creve Couer.

New Casino Report Shows Second-hand Smoke a Danger to Workers

New research from Stanford and Tufts Universities show secondhand smoke is a danger to tens of millions of casino patrons and hundreds of thousands of workers. The report said less than 2 hours of exposure to secondhand smoke in half of all the casinos surveyed is enough to impair the heart's ability to pump blood, placing susceptible casino patrons and workers at acute risk of

heart disease. The testing was conducted in 66 casinos in five states.



Kansas City's Metropolitan Community Colleges Countdown to Smoke-free Learning

From the MCC Insider:

Effective August 1, 2011, MCC will become tobacco-free. Chancellor Mark James made the announcement at the Chancellor Cabinet meeting on Nov.9, 2010.

This aggressive timeline will be implemented for the purpose of creating healthier campus environments for students, employees and visitors.

Tobacco-free refers to all types of smoking and smokeless tobacco products. Once implemented, all areas of MCC premises and grounds will be tobacco-free, as well as all MCC vehicles being used for MCC business. All students, employees, visitors, contractors, vendors and delivery personnel will be required to follow this initiative.

Carolyn Baskett, associate vice chancellor of human resources, has been charged by Chancellor James to coordinate and implement the tobacco-free initiative with the support of our students and employees.

