

COUNTDOWN TO SMOKING BAN

Clock is ticking...

Less than 24 hours before Fond du Lac workplace ordinance goes into effect



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Tom Wilhelms, center, who manages the Foxhole Bar and Hall inside the James "Maggie" Magelles Fond du Lac County Veteran Memorial Building, 500 Fond du Lac Ave., said business has increased since the bar went **smoke-free** Jan. 6.

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Many look forward to clear air after ban

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Those who pushed for a citywide workplace **smoking ban** say the effort was done to protect health.

Starting at 6 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, smoking is prohibited in all city workplaces, including such popular places for smokers as taverns, restaurants and bowling alleys.

After hours of discussion and testimony from the public and medical experts at a meeting on Oct. 22, the Fond du Lac City Council voted 4-3 to support a workplace **smoking ban**.

"I see this as a responsible action," said Fond du Lac mom Linda Kraus, who strongly supports the ban.

Kraus, whose children are older,

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Help is available for those who want to quit

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With Fond du Lac's **smoke-free** workplace ordinance set to take effect Monday, Feb. 2, more area smokers than ever will be thinking about quitting.

There are free, state-funded treatment resources available to help.

"**Smoke-free** laws have a significant effect on the

rates at which tobacco users break their addiction," said Dr. Michael Fiore, director of the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention. "We expect to see a lot more people in Fond du Lac and surrounding communities electing to quit around the time of the workplace **smoke-free** ordinance. That's good news because

smoking is the No. 1 cause of preventable death in the nation. It causes more deaths than AIDS, drugs, suicides, murders and motor vehicle accidents combined."

The Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line offers free telephone coaching on how to quit smoking or chewing to-

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