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A tale of Three Cities

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New surveys find growing support for smoking bans in Wisconsin cities.

The polls by the Mellman group were done in three cities that have already adopted smoke-free ordinances. They checked the outlook of people in Appleton, Eau Claire, and Marshfield. They found that after those communities snuffed out the smokes, public support increased from a two-to-one to a three-to-one margin.

Maureen Busalacchi of Smoke-Free Wisconsin says she's not surprised by the findings. She says their experience has shows more people enjoy being able to go to smoke-free establishments, including some smokers.

Busalacchi says it should send a message to lawmakers to pass a statewide smoking ban. It's something Governor Doyle included in his proposed state budget, which is currently being reviewed by the Legislature.

AUDIO: John Colbert reports (MP3 :36)



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