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## Poll: Marshfield's year-old smoking ban is popular

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MARSHFIELD, Wis. - A new poll showing growing approval of Marshfield's year-old ban on smoking in public places is being touted as support for a statewide smoking ban.

The poll of 400 registered voters in Marshfield was done March 21-24. Seventy-seven percent of respondents said they liked the city's new smoking ban. Only 64 percent of voters endorsed the ordinance when it passed a year ago in a referendum.

Marshfield Clinic oncologist William Hocking says the poll's findings suggest a statewide smoking ban should be passed because the change is clearly acceptable in Marshfield.

Gov. Jim Doyle's two-year budget recommendation to the Legislature includes a statewide smoking ban that would apply to all bars, restaurants and workplaces. It would take effect about two months after the bill was signed.

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