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Possible increase to smoking ban

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ESCANABA-- The city of Escanaba is considering passing a controversial anti-smoking ordinance. It'll prevent people from smoking within 100 feet of playgrounds and baseball fields.



Mke Schubert has two kids, and he's tried to quit smoking more times than he can count. The proposed smoking law may affect parents, like Mke, especially if they want to have a smoke while their kids are out at a playground.

"Well, I think that children look up to adults and to mentors," said Tom Penegor, Director of the Escanaba Recreation Department. "And I think it's important that we set kids a good example."

The proposal was recommended by the Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee but was spearheaded by Penegor.

The Public Health Clinic of Delta and Menominee County initially asked about how they could make Harbor Hideout playground in Ludington Park smoke-free.

But why stop there? Instead, the proposal targets kid-populated areas: six baseball fields and nine city playgrounds.

But will the new rule curb smoking and the amount of cigarette butts that are left near these areas?

"I think so," Penegor said. "I think it would be helpful. How much, I don't know. But anytime you make a decision to help your youth to improve the environment that they're in, I think that's always a positive."

People will still be able to smoke outside businesses on Ludington Street. But the anti-smoking ordinance will, however, prohibit smoking within 25 feet of city

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buildings, like Public Safety, and City Hall.

And as for Mke? He still sees quitting in the near future.

"I think, to be honest with you, I think I'm going to give it a go. I'm going to try the quitting process now I suppose. They're just making it too much to even be a smoker these days."

City Council will hold a public hearing on June 16 to vote on the proposed smoking ban.

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old timer said: **Sunday, June 12, 2011**

How many people could afford to smoke if they didnt have a credit card?

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Abides replied: **Monday, June 13, 2011**

huh?

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Joe Dirt said: **Sunday, June 12, 2011**

Hank Maki blogspotcom, dajimmer,CJ,DonkeyDung,lviewguy, Trapman, yoooper26,GenerationX, west, TheInternet, BigPines, citizen x, CJ, Scott Foreman, Hank Maki, americanpatriot, , Kingsford, L Little, packers123, green-greed are really just few Republican radical Tea Party workers going under many different assumed names. They get paid to spread right wing corporate talking points and lies that favors the rich fascists at the expense of the poor and middle class.

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Scott Foreman replied: **Sunday, June 12, 2011**

I did not post on this hate fest. But thanks for including me in your love fest. If I do not get a check soon from that radical Republican tea party thing I work for, I may have to take you up on that offer. But for now, I still will not kiss you for a dollar.

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dajimmer replied: **Sunday, June 12, 2011**

You are appropriately named and you're also a huge dumbell JD.

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boatgirl replied: **Monday, June 13, 2011**

Geeesh!!! You sound like a pathetic little 5 year old dajimmer.

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CJ said: **Saturday, June 11, 2011**

Mre civil liberties have been lost to Americans the past 30 years in democrat controlled cities throught the nation.

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L Little replied: **Saturday, June 11, 2011**

Again, very very correct!

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RepublicanConservative replied: **Saturday, June 11, 2011**

Statewide Smoking Ban: Texas Republican House Super-Majority Votes for More Government Regulation and Less Freedom for Texans
<http://urbangrounds.com/2011/05/statewide-smoking-ban/>

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RepublicanConservative replied: **Saturday, June 11, 2011**

CJ, WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON? ARE YOU THAT STUPID? As a Republican, I support the smoking ban, as the majority of my party does. You can call it taking away your rights, but I call it protecting mine. Republicans passed a smoking ban for the whole state of Texas last month. The amendment proposed by REPUBLICAN Myra Crownover that would ban smoking in public places, which would include bars and restaurants STATEWIDE in Texas was passed by the REPUBLICAN state congress. This is not just local, but it was the WHOLE state!
<http://brownsville.rgvtp.com/2011/05/26/statewide-smoking-ban-texas-gop-house-super-majority-votes-for-more-government-regulation-and-less-freedom-for-texans/>

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S W replied: **Sunday, June 12, 2011**

So much for republicans supporting smaller government and property rights eh? Big reason I don't vote for them.

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Judge Dread replied: **Saturday, June 11, 2011**

Prove it ., If what you say is true prove it .

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tikigirl said: **Friday, June 10, 2011**

Smokers can smoke an Electronic Cigarette. This way smokers can enjoy inhaling and blowing smoke and non smokers will not get any second hand smoke. The smoke is just a harmless water vapor. Electronic cigarettes do not contain any tobacco, tar, carcinogens or other harmful additives. No more second hand smoke, dirty ashtrays, nasty cigarette butts and awful tobacco smell. You can get the cartridges with or without nicotine, Marlboro or Menthol. If you go to <http://www.Sherlocksden.com> you can find Electronic Cigarette kits starting at \$20.00.

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TikiGirl said: **Friday, June 10, 2011**

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green=greed said: **Friday, June 10, 2011**

Oh yea! flushrush is absolutely amazing. Can't argue the facts in a mature matter so attack the commenter? Who's tactics are these? No, we don't have or ever have had a bridge card. Anything else you would like to know or would you prefer to continue to make your own assumptions?

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RJK said: **Friday, June 10, 2011**

The next thing they will try to do is enforce when you can smoke in your own home !! Total communism! WAKE UP AMERICA! WHILE WE ARE STILL FREE???

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green=greed said: **Wednesday, June 08, 2011**

Hey, Watton, How do you feel about salt? Sugar? Fast food? Obesity? What is the mpg rating on your vehicle? How do you feel about the new light bulbs?

LED's? How do you feel about the low-flow regulations for your toilet? The click-it or ticket program that followed the statement: we will never stop you for not wearing your seat belt? Ethanol fuel that gums up your engine?, etc., etc. Really, I'll have no problem spending my consumer dollars in a community other than Escanaba.

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flushrush replied: **Thursday, June 09, 2011**

Given some of the moronic posts I realize there is no shortage of stooges with their conspiracy paranoia fears and extremist right-wing negativity! green=greed threatens to spend his consumer dollars elsewhere than Escanaba. I bet Escanaba's economy will flounder when they can no longer depend on your Bridge Card purchases!

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DAJIMMER replied: **Thursday, June 09, 2011**

@flush Regulatory measures are traditionally a left-wing agenda. The entire anti-tobacco movement is, in and of itself, a left movement. Just felt the need for clarification. Green=greed will have to inform you as to whether or not he holds a Bridge Card however, I'm not sure how you gleaned that information from his post, you must be amazing.

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DAJIMMER replied: **Thursday, June 09, 2011**

(AP) WASHINGTON - The Senate struck a historic blow against smoking in America Thursday, voting overwhelmingly to give regulators new power to limit nicotine in the cigarettes that kill nearly a half-million people a year, to drastically curtail ads that glorify tobacco and to ban flavored products aimed at spreading the habit to young people. President Barack Obama, who has spoken of his own struggle to quit smoking, said he was eager to sign the legislation after minor differences with a House version are worked out — and the House planned a vote for Friday. Cigarette foes said the measure would not only cut deaths but reduce the \$100 billion in annual health care costs linked to tobacco. Fierce opposition by the industry and tobacco-state lawmakers had prevented passage for years, along with veto threats by the George W. Bush White House. In the end, the nation's biggest tobacco company supported the measure, though rivals suggested that was because it could lock in Philip Morris' share of the market. <-----ooooops looks like all of the left wingers are the culprits ...ouch someone needs a good flush

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RJK replied: **Friday, June 10, 2011**

Hate to break it to you but this whole state is losing money by people LEAVING this state, And anything they can do to bring people back would be a bonus, But its not gonna happen this way!

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DAJIMMER replied: **Thursday, June 09, 2011**

LOL Excellent post @green=greed. The gov. won't stop until they can regulate everything in your life. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

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escanaba worker replied: **Sunday, June 12, 2011**

green=greed I got news for you--escanaba doesn't want wackos like you running around our streets.

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