

SMOKE-FREE WORKSITE REGULATION ACTIVITY IN MICHIGAN (updated April 6, 2003)

County	Regulation & Date Effective	Update of Activity
Ingham	Prohibits smoking in all public and private worksites in Ingham County with the exception of restaurants, bars, bowling alleys and bingo halls. Private worksites can have designated smoking areas only if they have an identical room for non-smokers and if smoke from the designated smoking areas does not enter any smoke-free areas. Effective May 12, 2002.	Ingham County's Clean Air Regulation took effect on May 12. The County Health Department reports that overall response has been very positive. Requests for cessation information prompted the coalition to create a cessation pamphlet, which was distributed to all businesses prior to the effective date of the regulation. None of the worksites in Ingham County took advantage of the provision that allowed employers to provide separately-ventilated smoking rooms.
Washtenaw	Prohibits smoking in all public and private worksites and public places in Washtenaw County with the exception of restaurants, bars and a homeless shelter. Effective mid February 2003	Washtenaw County became the second Michigan county to adopt a Clean Indoor Air Regulation on November 20. This followed a series of hearings held this summer by the County Health Officer and a hearing before the Board of Commissioners in October. Testimony at the hearings was overwhelmingly in favor of the regulation. The regulation is the strongest one in Michigan, prohibiting smoking in virtually all public places and workplaces in the county except for restaurants and bars. A minor exemption was made to allow a homeless shelter to have a designated smoking room.
Jackson	Prohibits smoking in all public and private worksites and public places in Jackson County with the exception of restaurants and bars. December 17, 2002 regulation defeated.	On the evening of Dec. 17th, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners voted against the smoke-free regulation (8 to 5.) Jackson County is a conservative, largely blue-collar and rural area, with a board of commissioners that reflects that constituency. In addition, as a result of the November election and a reduction in the number of commissioners, the board will be even more conservative in January; in fact, 4 of the 5 supporters of the regulation will no longer be on the board. Thus, once the regulation process was in motion, it was clear that it would either be passed this year, or it would be at least 2 years (after the next election) before there would be enough support on the board to take it up again. One of the positive outcomes was that community awareness of the serious health effects of secondhand smoke and the need for a smoke-free regulation was clearly increased.
Kent	Regulation to be determined.	The Kent County Clean Air Now coalition recently conducted a voter opinion survey using Tobacco-Free Michigan's new model survey. The results were very positive and supportive of a smoke-free regulation. The survey results were released with a press release and received good press coverage. Coalition members have been attending county commission meetings on a regular basis and have been speaking during the public comment period. This has sparked interest from some county commissioners and their staff. The coalition, which is gathering resolutions from organizations supporting a smoke-free regulation, aims to have a regulation considered by their Board of Commission in 2003.
Marquette	Regulation to be determined. Currently waiting for AG opinion. Projected date of vote on regulation is Spring 2003.	The coalition worked with Northern Michigan University to conduct a voter opinion survey using the Tobacco-Free Michigan model survey. The survey showed that 80% of registered voters were concerned about the effects of secondhand smoke and support a regulation. There was a hearing before the Board of Health regarding a regulation. Those in attendance were overwhelmingly in support. The Board of Health will take up the regulation at its next meeting.
Grand Traverse	Regulation to be determined.	The coalition composed a voter opinion survey based on the Tobacco-Free Michigan model survey. The survey will be conducted in early December. The coalition plans to use the results to help determine a timeline for future work on a smoke-free regulation in their county.
City of Midland	Regulation to be determined.	Midland has done significant public education work and recently conducted a voter opinion survey. The analysis of the survey is being completed.
City of Cadillac	Regulation to be determined.	The coalition here continues its public education and work toward a regulation. They are surveying businesses to determine their level of support for a regulation.