

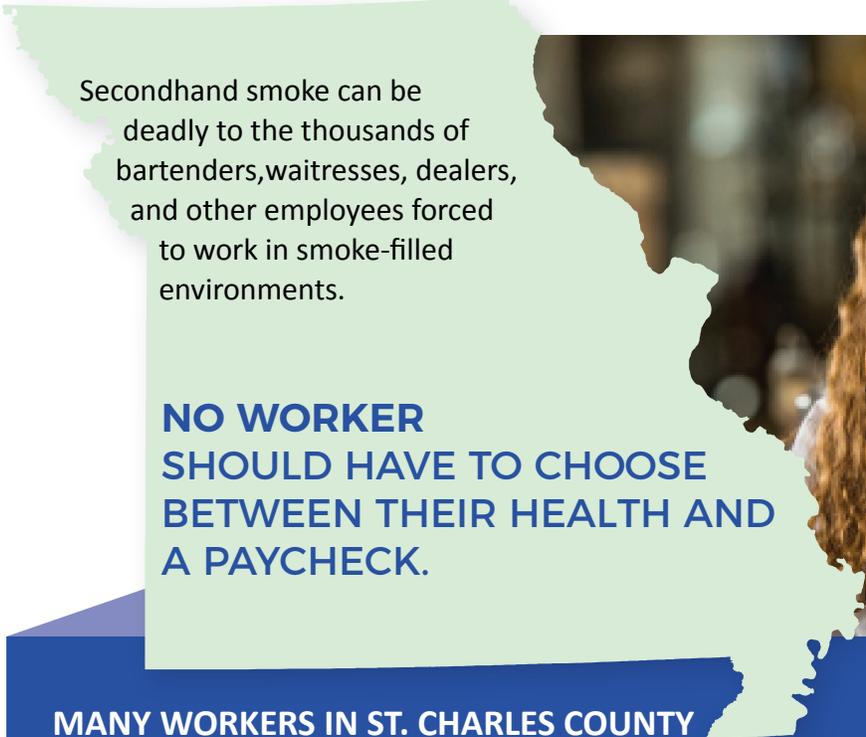


A SMOKE-FREE ST. CHARLES COUNTY IS
**GOOD FOR HEALTH
AND FOR BUSINESS**

Secondhand smoke costs our economy **\$5.6 billion** per year due to **lost productivity**.

EVERY WORKER DESERVES TO BREATHE SMOKE-FREE AIR.

100% smoke-free policies are the only effective way to prevent the death and illness caused by secondhand smoke at work.

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Secondhand smoke can be deadly to the thousands of bartenders, waitresses, dealers, and other employees forced to work in smoke-filled environments.

NO WORKER SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEIR HEALTH AND A PAYCHECK.



MANY WORKERS IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY are left unprotected from secondhand smoke due to lack of a strong county-wide law that protects everyone from secondhand smoke, no matter where they work.



Those left behind are likely exposed in hospitality workplaces like bars and casinos.

Levels of **secondhand smoke** in restaurants and bars were found to be two- to five-times higher than in residences with smokers, and two- to **six-times** higher than in office workplaces.

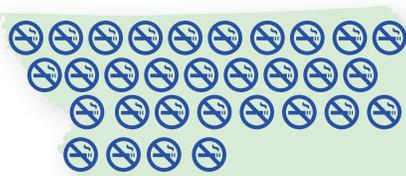
Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilation systems **cannot eliminate exposure** of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.



Why do we need a smoke-free St. Charles County?

Everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air in public places and at work, without the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Cities like O'Fallon, Columbia, and Branson are already smoke-free.



There are over 350,000 people that live, work, and play in St. Charles County. All of them deserve to be protected from secondhand smoke.

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE

34 local smoke-free laws in the state of Missouri

PROTECTING JUST

31% of the state's population from breathing hazardous secondhand smoke at work.

Secondhand smoke harmful, containing more than 7,000 chemicals including hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases stroke risk by 20-30%

Separating smokers from nonsmokers, opening windows, or using ventilation systems does not prevent people from breathing secondhand smoke.

Secondhand smoke harms children and adults, and the only way to fully protect nonsmokers is to eliminate smoking in all indoor worksites, and public places.

All St. Charles County residents have the right to breathe smoke-free air!
