

General Public

You are a citizen of Summerville. What you think is very important to the members of the City Council. The City Council is considering a new law that would ban smoking in all Summerville Restaurants and other indoor workplaces.

Do you think such a law is a good or bad idea?

Your job is to convince others, especially City Council members, of your view.

How?? There are several things that you can do. Here are some options:

1. Find other members of the general public who share your view. If you have at least three people, you can form your own organization. Give yourselves a name. You can then ask the Mayor for a chance to speak at the City Council meeting.
2. You can “get rowdy” and yell out your views during the Council meeting. Do, however, quiet down when instructed to do so by the Mayor.
3. You can ask to join one of the existing groups: The Restaurant Owners Association, the Restaurant Workers Union, the Chamber of Commerce, or Citizens Against Government Interference.
4. You can go around and quietly try to convince people of your viewpoint.

Here’s what is going to happen next:

- Various interest groups will meet to decide whether to support or oppose the law. This is the time (*right now!*) to do one of the things listed above.

- The Mayor will then start the City Council meeting. A representative from each group will speak. Then the Council will take their “first” vote. This vote doesn’t count.

- After the Council has voted, you will be invited to try to convince others in the room that your views are correct. (At that time, you will be told to turn this sheet over and follow the instructions on the back.)

- The Mayor will then call the Council back and allow people to add anything new. Then a final vote will be taken.

Begin now by doing one of the 4 ideas mentioned above.