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**From:** Todd Reckelberg  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2024 9:36 AM  
**To:** Justin Nickels; Eric Nycz; Tim Boldt  
**Subject:** Fw: External: No smoking on parade route - Proposal - Rusch  
**Attachments:** No Smoking on Parade Route Proposal.docx

Received the following email and attachment from a constituent. He made an interesting proposal regarding no smoking or vaping within 100 feet of the streets centerline 30 minutes before or after a parade. I know we've had the quiet zone for a block, what do you think about this proposal?

Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Tyler Rusch <Tyler.Rusch87@outlook.com>  
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You don't often get email from tyler.rusch87@outlook.com. [Learn why this is important](#)  
Alderman Reckelberg,

Please see my attached letter, and let me know your thoughts on a proposal to make parade routes a smoke-free zone for the health and safety of Manitowoc children.

Thank you, Tyler Rusch.

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Alderman Reckelberg,

Good evening, my name is Tyler Rusch and I live on Barkwood Ln. in Manitowoc. I'm a father of 3 wonderful children, 6, 3 and 1. I am an active member of our community where I am the treasurer of the Jackson Elementary School PTO, I am a baseball coach for the MYBA and I am a soccer coach for the Manitowoc Futbol Club. I enjoy a healthy lifestyle and promote positive experiences when I'm with my children and interacting with the community.

I'm reaching out to you to talk about something that has bothered me since becoming a father, and I'm hoping the city will consider my advice and take appropriate action to combat what many others and I would greatly benefit from: **no smoking/vaping along a parade route.**

With our oldest being 6 years old, we have had the opportunity to enjoy many parades Manitowoc has to offer. Unfortunately, more often than not, I can't seem to escape being next to someone vaping, smoking cigarettes, lighting a cigar, etc. It really takes away from the experience. My children -and many other children up and down the parade route- are there to have fun, get some candy, and see the amazing floats. However, at the same time, they are being subjected to second-hand smoke. The health risks involved with second-hand smoke are well documented, therefore I won't insult intelligence by explaining why a route where children are encouraged to visit and participate, should be a smoke-free zone.

To me, and many others, this is extremely frustrating. I see this as an easy win for the city by adopting language that would read something like this:

*"No smoking on public property, or city right-of-way, within 100ft of the center line along a designated city parade route 30min before the scheduled start time, during the parade, and 30min after the conclusion."*

100ft isn't an abnormal recommendation in my opinion. See Fig.1 attached to this letter, it shows that 100ft from the center line gets you to the bathroom shelter near the corner of Maritime Dr. and Huron St. Please let me know what I can do as a citizen to get the ball rolling in creating a city ordinance or amending a current ordinance, that would protect the children of this city while they enjoy the various parades we offer.

Thank you, Tyler Rusch.

Fig. 1

