

Under a new rule adopted by the La Crosse city council this week, you'll still get in trouble for carrying a bag of pot in your pants. Maybe just not as much trouble. The council has agreed to allow police to write tickets for marijuana possession. Wrong move, assistant police chief, Tom Jacobs told the council last night. The police view, he says, is that allowing for tickets sends a message that the city is softening its attitude on marijuana. That perceived attitude adjustment, Jacobs says, merely increases drug usage. Under the new ordinance, 50% of ticket revenue would go to fund DARE programs in the city.