

**TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH
RESOLUTION 111-2010**

**A Resolution Approving Smoke Free Zones in Public Parks and Playgrounds in the
Town of East Greenbush**

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for premature deaths of over 440,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among non-smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fires and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, everyday an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to help teach role model, non-smoking behavior to children and youth and to provide children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has certified that the provisions of this proposed Board action shall pose no impact to the Town's finances; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Greenbush Town Board hereby establishes that the areas of parks where children are present, including sports areas and playgrounds, in the Town of East Greenbush are designated as tobacco-free zones; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco-free zones; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilperson O'Brien and seconded by Supervisor McCabe and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Councilperson O'Brien	VOTED	YES
Supervisor McCabe	VOTED	YES
Councilperson Matters	VOTED	YES

Dated: July 14, 2010