

## RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TOBACCO-FREE WORKSITE

**WHEREAS,** tobacco smoke is a hazard to public health and secondhand smoke causes heart disease, stroke, cancer, sudden infant death syndrome, low birth weight in infants, asthma (and exacerbation of asthma), bronchitis and pneumonia in children and adults, and it is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** in a 2006 report, the United States Surgeon General's determined that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; the scientific evidence that secondhand smoke causes serious diseases and illnesses such as bronchitis and asthma, is massive and conclusive; separating smokers from non-smokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate secondhand smoke exposure; smoke-free policies are effective in reducing secondhand smoke exposure; and

**WHEREAS,** many businesses, organizations and governmental entities in Illinois are implementing smoke and tobacco-free worksite policies; and

**WHEREAS,** smoke and tobacco-free worksite policies can reduce health risks and health care costs to employees and the employer, and can reduce other costs (incurred due to risk of fires, insurance, and cleaning expenses), and can improve productivity; and

**WHEREAS,** research shows that the majority of smokers want to quit, but few succeed without help, such as by implementing smoke and tobacco-free worksites or through smoking cessation assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** Village of Oak Park employees who smoke, or are exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke, are at an increased risk of premature death; and

**WHEREAS,** on January 27, 2015, the Village of Oak Park Board of Health unanimously voted in favor of the adoption of a smoke and tobacco-free worksite policy by the Village to include any property controlled by the Village, including not only vehicles, but also parking lots, and Village-owned garages.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals Incorporated.** The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

**Section 2. Direction to Implement a Smoke and Tobacco-Free Worksite Policy.** The Village Manager is directed to take any and all necessary steps to implement a "Smoke and Tobacco-Free Worksite Policy," to include electronic cigarettes, for any property

controlled by the Village, including parking lots and Village-owned garages, with a target implementation date of June 1, 2015.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and publication as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

| Voting              | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| President Abu-Taleb |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Barber      |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Brewer      |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Lueck       |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Ott         |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Salzman     |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Tucker      |     |     |         |        |

**APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST:

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk