



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION OF BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD

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Approved 14 Yeas – 6 Nays – 2 Abstentions

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco increases the risk of lung cancer, heart attack, stroke, and chronic lung disease, and is the leading cause of preventable, premature death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, exposure to second-hand smoke causes non-smokers to experience adverse health effects, even in miniscule amounts, and where prolonged exposure significantly increases the risk of heart and lung disease; and

WHEREAS, exposure to second-hand smoke is often an unwanted, involuntary, and unavoidable effect of a non-smoker's proximity to the source of such smoke; and

WHEREAS, the issue of secondhand smoke exposure is most extreme for those living in buildings with multiple apartments, where residents of such buildings share up to 65% of their air; and

WHEREAS, the Brooklyn Borough Board recognizes and supports the well-being and health of all NYC residents and advocates for the increased protection of all residents from the dangers and risks posed by involuntary exposure to second-hand smoke;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD recommends and strongly encourages all owners and landlords of both current and future multi-family dwellings (including cooperative housing corporations and condominiums) within the Borough, and throughout the City of New York, to adopt and implement written policies, procedures, and lease provisions, to prohibit the use of tobacco and tobacco products in any apartments, units, or other areas of such dwellings, and to make sufficient effort to undertake all reasonable and effective measures to prohibit the seepage of any second-hand smoke from any one of such apartment, units, or other areas in such dwellings to another; and it is further

RESOLVED that the BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD recommends and strongly encourages all owners and landlords, of both current and future multi-family dwellings (including cooperative housing corporations and condominiums) within the Borough, and throughout the City of New York, to disclose, and provide copies of, such written policies, procedures, and lease provisions, to all current and prospective tenants or occupants of any such dwellings; and it is further

RESOLVED, the BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD requests the New York City Council to study, report on, and consider adopting legislation that would give legal effect to the letter and spirit of the foregoing resolutions.