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# Nutley bans smoking in parks

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The Nutley Board of Commissioners on Tuesday banned smoking in township parks and recreational facilities, as well as two public walkways along Franklin Avenue.

Nearly 100 signs, reading "Breathe Easy; this public property is 100% smoke free," will be posted in regulated areas. Sponsored by Public Affairs Commissioner Steven Rogers and Public Works Commissioner Joseph Scarpelli, the amended smoking code is compliant with the Smoke Free Air Act.

"Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense," the amendment reads. A person may also be ordered to perform community service, if the court deems the service appropriate, the law states.

Karen Blumenfeld of Global Advisors Smoke Free Policy told the board, "Communities like yours have made a difference."



HASIME KUKAJ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER - Commissioners Steven Rogers and Joseph Scarpelli sponsor Nutley's smoking ban in township parks and recreational facilities. 'Breathe Easy' signs will be posted in regulated areas.

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