



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 27, 2023

Subject: Introduce and waive further reading of Leaf Blower Regulations Ordinance

Prepared by: Nick Zornes, Development Services Director

Reviewed by: Jon Maginot, Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Initiated by:
City Council.

Environmental Review:

Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Attachments:

1. Draft Ordinance with Appendices
2. City Council Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2023
3. Previous Agenda Report – May 9, 2023

Summary:

Creation of a standalone chapter within the Los Altos Municipal Code for Leaf Blower Regulations. The proposed ordinance takes existing regulatory framework contained within the Municipal Code and modifies it based on City Council direction as discussed on May 9, 2023, and best practices for subsequent enforcement action.

Staff Recommendation:

Introduce and Waive Further Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 11.15 to Title 11 Miscellaneous Property Regulations of the Los Altos Municipal Code Creating a Standalone Chapter for Leaf Blower Regulations and find that this action is Exempt from Environmental Review Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

Reviewed By:

City Manager

City Attorney

Finance Director

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Background

On May 9, 2023, the City Council directed staff to take existing leaf blower regulations contained within the municipal code and create a standalone chapter for better visibility by the public. Staff were also directed to include assignment of liability to the property owner for issued violations. Additional direction was provided by the City Council for implementation of the Leaf Blower Regulations but do not necessitate amendments to the municipal code.

Discussion

Based on the City Council direction staff has drafted the proposed ordinance. Additionally, staff has incorporated definitions, time of use for electric leaf blowers, authority, and enforcement standards. The proposed ordinance is consistent with existing regulations but creates a standalone chapter which will assist in the ease and application of the code. Lastly, the proposed ordinance will help to facilitate better visibility of the adopted regulations within the City of Los Altos which will lead to easier education with the public.