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From: [Jim Fenton](#)
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The proposed ordinance appears to create a conflict between the allowed operation hours for electric leaf blowers in two sections of the Municipal Code.

The existing section 6.16.070 “Prohibited Acts” item 11 includes:

and portable electric powered blowers used to blow leaves, dirt and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, landscape areas or other surfaces between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. seven days a week, so as to create a noise disturbance across a residential or commercial real property line.

While the new section 11.15.040 “Use of Electric-Powered Leaf Blowers” item B says:

B. Permitted hours of operation by any person(s) shall be as follows:
i. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
ii. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Sundays.

C. No person(s) shall operate a leaf blower on federally recognized holidays.

Of course the former section is only effective in the event a noise disturbance is created, but the inconsistency in hours is likely to cause confusion.

It might also be helpful to take this opportunity to update the holidays listed in other parts of 6.16.020 and 6.16.070 to current federally recognized holidays, or to use the term “federally recognized holidays” as the new section does.

-Jim Fenton

From: [Anne Dumontier](#)
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Hello

in Agenda Item # 18 (gas operated leaf blowers that pollute our environment).

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 11.15 page 175-76

I strongly advocate for:

The responsible party assigned liability for the operation and use of a gas-powered leaf blower shall be the **recorded property owner of the site where the violation has occurred.**

I suggest that after the first warning, the first violation be \$150, second \$500, third \$1500, fourth \$3000.

It is necessary to put in action the new ordinance right away.

Thank you

Anne Dumontier