



## AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** July 11, 2023

**Subject:** Adoption 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:**

Adopt 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.

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City Manager

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Reviewed By:

City Attorney

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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.

On June 27, 2023, the City Council introduced the proposed ordinance and waived further reading of the item. During introduction non substantive changes were incorporated into the ordinance presented tonight.