



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

Monday, July 10, 2023

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**Subject:** Gas-powered Leaf Blower Update

**Category:** City Business

**Staff Contact:** Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

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### **Summary**

The Medina City Council provided City Staff with direction to provide residents with educational material regarding the hazards of gas-powered leaf blowers while soliciting feedback from residents about possible restrictions on gas-powered leaf blowers. This brief is an update to the Council regarding this topic.

### **Education**

In March 2023, City Staff created an education page on Engage Medina to provide information to residents about the hazards of gas-powered leaf blowers. The page is located at <https://engagemedina.com/gas-powered-leaf-blowers>.

### **Open House**

The City hosted an Open House on Thursday, May 11, 2023, to solicit feedback from residents and professional landscapers about possible restrictions for gas-powered leaf blowers. Over 15 people showed up and spoke to staff about their concerns. Most filled out comment cards which are included at the end of this brief.

### **Written Feedback/Input**

During this process, City staff received several written recommendations and comments from residents and businesses. These have been included in this report.

### **Survey**

A citywide survey was sent out in June to solicit additional feedback from residents regarding gas-powered leaf blowers. The survey was sent out both electronically and through the United States Postal Service.

This meets and supports Council's priority number 4.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

**Attachments:**

- Memo to City Council
- Open House Comment Cards
- Written feedback, input, and comments
- Resolutions from the City of Seattle and City of Kirkland

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Recommendation:** Discussion, direction and possible action.

**City Manager Approval:** 

**Proposed Council Motion:** See potential actions in memo