



Council Agenda Form

MOTION #		DRAFT #
DATE SUBMITTED: 4-21-2021	DATE TO GO BEFORE COUNCIL:	
SUBMITTED BY: Danny Schaible		
DEPARTMENT: Legislative		

TITLE OF MOTION: Phased-in Municipal Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban**RECOMMENDATION:**

I move that the Mayor and Council direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to phase-in a ban of gas-powered leaf blowers (GPLBs) as follows:

- Effective January 1, 2022 - the use of GPLB by the City will cease entirely, including city staff and city contracts.
- Effective July 1, 2022 - the use of GPLBs will be prohibited on Sundays.
- Effective January 1, 2023 - the use of GPLBs will be prohibited on weekends and federal holidays.
- Effective July 1, 2023 - the use of GPLBs will be prohibited permanently.

In addition, I move the Mayor and Council implement a City run rebate program where Hyattsville residents and contractors would be eligible to trade-in used GPLBs for a rebate towards the purchase of an electric leaf blower (ELB). I further move the Council amend the FY22 budget in the amount of \$18,500 (\$17,000 for the GPLB trade-in program, \$1,500 to replace City GPLBs).

BACKGROUND:

See "Recommendation to Address Noise and other Impacts from GPLBs in Hyattsville" pdf for additional background information.

ANTICIPATED STAFF RESOURCES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT:

- The cost to administer the GPLB buyback program is estimated at \$51,250 spread over 2.5 years.
- The cost to convert City GPLBs to ELB is \$1,500.
- The need for code enforcement actions will be reduced by a robust public outreach campaign. Passage of this motion will create new code enforcement responsibilities. The additional cost of code enforcement may be partially offset by revenue generated from citations issued.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR / DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENT: (must be approved by City Administrator):

Tracey Nicholson, City Administrator

STRATEGIC GOALS AND ACTIONS:

Goal 3 – Enhance a safe and pleasant community

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• .pdf: Recommendation to Address Noise and other Impacts from GPLBs in Hyattsville• .xlcs: Leaf Blower Cost Comparison
CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACT: 0