



City of Alameda

Staff Report

File Number:2018-5650

City Council

Agenda Date: 6/19/2018

File Type: Council Referral

Agenda Number: 9-C

Consider Directing Staff to Draft an Ordinance Banning the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.
(Mayor Spencer)

COUNCIL REFERRAL FORM

The Council can take any of the following actions:

- 1) Take no action.
- 2) Refer the matter to staff to schedule as a future City Council agenda item.
- 3) Take dispositive action if sufficiently noticed such that the public and Council have been provided sufficient information by the published agenda, and no formal published notice of a public hearing is required.

Name of Councilmember requesting referral: Mayor Spencer

Date of submission to City Clerk (must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. on the Monday two weeks before the Council meeting requested): May 30, 2018

Council Meeting date: June 19, 2018

Brief description of the subject to be printed on the agenda, sufficient to inform the City Council and public of the nature of the referral:

Gas-powered leaf-blowers have been banned in a number of cities:

<https://www.zapla.org/overview/blowerdef.html>. Many of the bans have been in place for years.

The City of Alameda should consider banning gas powered leaf blowers. Alternatives, such as rechargeable electric battery blowers which are better for the environment, are readily available.

Los Angeles Municipal (LAMC) Section 112.04 (c) bans the use of the gas powered leaf blower device to minimize the nuisance and health related problems attributed to this type of equipment.

112.04(c) LAMC The following ordinance became effective on February 13, 1998: "No gas powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at anytime. Both the user of such a blower as well as the individual who contracted for the services of the user if any, shall be subject to the requirements of and penalty provisions for this ordinance."

Los Gatos banded gas-powered blowers for less-than-acre lots. The ban on gasoline powered leaf blowers went into effect on July 1, 2014.

Priority Ranking:

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