

Regarding Expedited Bill 19-25 - Noise Control - Leaf Removal Equipment - Seasonal Exemption

We strongly object to Councilmember Alborno's proposed legislation regarding leaf blowers. We have been putting up with this horrible noise for years. Nothing ruins a nice day on the deck faster than the on-and-off jet engine noise from gas-powered leaf blowers. No sooner do they finish at one neighbor's house than the landscaper at another neighbor's starts up.

His arguments do not hold up. This law has been coming for years. The battery-powered blowers are fully up to the job. Landscapers have had plenty of time to amortize their equipment and invest in battery-powered equivalents. Tariffs and supply chain constraints have a minimal impact on this. Surely there are better ways to support small businesses than encouraging this noise pollution.

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