

1 TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA

2
3 ORDINANCE NO. 768

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5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO
6 BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE V, "NOISE," OF CHAPTER 12,
7 "ENVIRONMENT," OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES BY
8 AMENDING SECTION 12-115, "DEFINITIONS," TO DEFINE THE TERM
9 LEAF BLOWER AND ADOPT A NEW SECTION 12-136, "GASOLINE
10 POWERED LEAF BLOWERS," TO BAN THE USE OF GASOLINE
11 POWERED LEAF BLOWERS WITHIN THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR
12 CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE
13 DATE.

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15 WHEREAS, gasoline powered leaf blowers are currently in use throughout the
16 Town; and

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18 WHEREAS, gasoline powered leaf blowers emit loud noise, generally in the range
19 of 70 decibels to 100 decibels; and

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21 WHEREAS, gasoline powered leaf blowers also emit exhaust fumes into the
22 environment that may contain carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, nitrous oxides,
23 particulate, and other toxins; and

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25 WHEREAS, based on the noise and environmental pollution associated with the
26 use of gasoline powered leaf blowers, the Town Council determines that the ban of such
27 equipment within the Town is in the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare.

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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
30 TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA as follows:

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32 **Section 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and
33 incorporated herein.

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35 **Section 2.** The Town Council hereby amends Article V, "Noise," of Chapter 12,
36 "Environment," of the Town Code of Ordinances by amending Section 12-115 to read as
37 follows (additional language underlined):

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39 **Sec. 12-115. Definitions.**

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41 The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article,
42 shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the
43 context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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Leaf blower means any air blowing machine that uses a concentrated stream of air to push, propel, or blow dirt, dust, leaves, grass clippings, trimmings, refuse, or debris.

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Section 3. The Town Council hereby amends Article V, "Noise," of Chapter 12, "Environment," of the Town Code of Ordinances by adopting a new Section 12-136 to read as follows (additional language underlined):

Sec. 12-136. Gasoline powered leaf blowers.

Effective October 1, 2024, the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers is prohibited on any property within the town's corporate limits.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the Town of Juno Beach, Florida.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption

FIRST READING this 26 day of July, 2023.

SECOND, FINAL READING AND ADOPTION this 23 day of August, 2023.

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ALEXANDER COOKE, MAYOR

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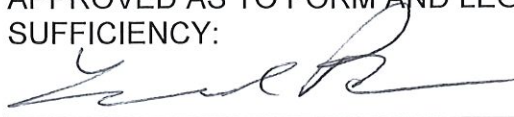

DD HALPERN, COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:



CAITLIN COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ
TOWN CLERK

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