

ORDINANCE NO. NS-249

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTE SERENO AMENDING SECTION 9.07.035 (MECHANICAL BLOWERS – GAS-POWERED DEVICES PROHIBITED)

WHEREAS, the use of motorized leaf blowers adversely impacts community health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the use of motorized leaf blowers increases the volume of particulate matter in the air and thereby exacerbates allergies and respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this ordinance is not a “project” as defined by the CEQA guidelines Section 15378: “Adoption of the ordinance does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.” Therefore, no environmental assessment is required or necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTE SERENO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amend Section 9.07.035. Section 9.07.035 of Chapter 9.07 of the Monte Sereno Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“9.07.035 - Mechanical blowers—Gas-powered devices prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, cause the operation of or allow the operation of any gasoline-powered leaf blower in any zoning district or public space. This shall include, but not be limited to, a leaf blower operator, leaf blower operator’s employer, property owner, property manager, tenant, or other person authorizing or employing the use of a leaf blower on property in any district or public space).”

SECTION 3. Environmental Review.

The adoption of this ordinance is not a “project” as defined by the CEQA guidelines Section 15378: “Adoption of the ordinance does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Further projects subject to the ordinance will require a discretionary permit and CEQA review and will be analyzed at the appropriate time in accordance with CEQA.” Therefore, no environmental assessment is required or necessary.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective 30 days after its adoption.

SECTION 5. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision of such Ordinance and shall not

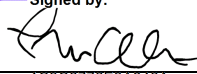
affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 6. Certification.


The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be posted and/or published in the manner required by law.

This Ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the City Council on the 2nd day of December 2025, and was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 16th day of December 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: TOREN, MEKECHUK, CRAIG, SHANNON, ALLAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Signed by:


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Lionel M. Allan, Mayor

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Gloisy Gonzalez-Langarica, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Kirsten Powell, City Attorney