
ORDINANCE NO. 1469.- B

ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, ADDING CHAPTER 8.40 "LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT" TO TITLE 8 "HEALTH AND SAFETY" OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre ("City") is within the California South Coast Air Basin and desires to improve the air quality for its residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre desires to work towards meeting the Federal Air Quality standards within the California South Coast Air Basin, which is expected to prevent 1,500 premature deaths per year; prevent 8,700 hospitalizations per year; and prevent 163,000 hours of work and school loss days per year, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre desires to join its neighboring communities of Pasadena and South Pasadena in prohibiting gas-powered leaf blowers, and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADOPTS ORDINANCE NO. 1469, ADDING CHAPTER 8.40, "LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT," TO TITLE 8, "HEALTH AND SAFETY" OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE.

8.40.010 Landscaping Equipment Requirements

A. It is unlawful for any person to use or to operate, or cause to be operated, any leaf-blowing machine or other landscaping equipment identified by future City Council Resolution within a residentially zoned area before 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; or before 11:00 a. m. and after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

B. It is unlawful for any person to use or to operate, or cause to be operated, any leaf-blowing machine or other landscaping equipment identified by future City Council Resolution within 500 feet of a residentially zoned area before 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; or before 11:00 a. m. and after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

C. It is unlawful for any person to use or operate, or cause to be used or operated a leaf blower in such a manner as to blow, dispel, or make airborne leaves, grass cuttings, paper, trash, or any other type of unattached debris or material, which by use of the leaf blower, will intentionally cause such leaves, grass cuttings, paper, trash or any other type of unattached debris or material to become airborne or travel beyond the property boundaries of the parcel on which it is being used, to adjoining properties or public rights-of-way within the city, and to remain there for more than 15 minutes.

D. It is unlawful to operate any leaf-blowing machine or other landscaping equipment identified by future City Council Resolution in violation of Sierra Madre Municipal Code Chapter 9.32 ("NOISE").

E. Commencing September 1, 2024, it is unlawful for any person to operate or authorize the operation of a gas-powered leaf blower or other landscaping equipment identified by future City Council Resolution at any time for any purpose.

Use of any gas-powered landscaping equipment is exempt from this section as follows;

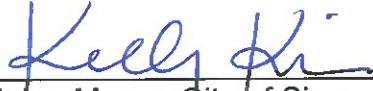
1. When utilized by or at the direction of emergency responders to respond to an emergency or necessary to restore, preserve, protect, or save lives or property from imminent danger of loss or harm.

2. When used to clear downed trees or vegetation in areas needing expedient clearance when necessary to protect public safety, as authorized by the City.

8.24.020 Penalties.


A. Violations of this section are subject to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 1.18.020 ("ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND PENALTIES")

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2024.



Kelly Kriebs, Mayor, City of Sierra Madre, Ca

ATTEST:



Laura Aguilar, City Clerk

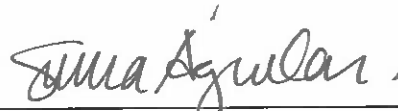
I, Laura Aguilar, City Clerk of the City of Sierra Madre, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre held on the 26th day of March 2024, by the following votes:

AYES: Mayor Kelly Kriebs, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Parkhurst, Council Member Edward Garcia, Council Member Gene Goss, Council Member Kristine Lowe

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Laura Aguilar, City Clerk