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Update on Leaf Blower Ordinance

City Council Meeting

March 27, 2023





Background

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- Ordinance No. 7389 adopted 4/25/22
 - > Prohibits use of gas-powered leaf blowers by 4/28/23
 - Emergency exemption for public safety
 - > Continuation of day and hour restrictions
 - Mon-Friday 8AM-6PM, Sat. 9AM-5PM
 - » Exemption for locations 500'+ from a residential area
 - Prohibited on Sundays
 - > Continuation of noise level restrictions
 - 65 decibels when measured from 50'
 - > Continuation of time allowed
 - 15 minutes per hr. for parcel less than ½ acre
 - 30 minutes per hour for parcel greater than ½ acre



Outreach and Education

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- In Focus PSA publication
- Press releases
- Social media postings
- Direct mailing to landscapers with BLs
- Website page with FAQs and resources
- PSA posters on transit shelters (April to May)
- PWP bill insert (May)
- Field staff door-hanger distribution
- KPAS PSA
- American Green Zone Alliance workshop for landscapers



Available Funding

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- **California CORE**
 - > CARB and CALSTART launched CORE
 - > SB170 appropriated \$27 million
 - > \$400 point-of-sale voucher
 - > 3 authorized dealers in Pasadena
 - Lawnmower Corner, Carrillo Outdoor, Ldscape. Warehouse
- **AQMD Rebate (late March/April rollout)**
 - > Commercial Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment incentive program offers up to 75 % discount
 - > Requires destruction of gas-powered blower
 - > AQMD rebate can be stacked with CORE voucher



Enforcement

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- > As is current practice for leaf blowers complaints, Code Compliance will respond immediately when possible or conduct a follow-up inspection at the same day and time
- > Warning Notice with a 30-day compliance period will be issued to the landscape business owner/operator, door hanger also to be placed
- > Continued violations will result in issuance of citations



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