

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA RATIFYING THE AMENDED POWER AIR BLOWER REGULATION ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025

WHEREAS, windstorms of extraordinary magnitude and widespread fires that began on January 7, 2025 have simultaneously impacted the City of Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, residential structures, businesses, and critical infrastructures in several areas throughout the City of Pasadena sustained major damage disseminating fire ash and debris across the Pasadena community; and

WHEREAS, the use of power air blowers, including leaf blowers, and other similar devices stir up ash and particulate matter into the air, further worsening air quality and increasing health risks for everyone and their pets, particularly for those with respiratory conditions, older adults, children, and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the Director of Disaster Emergency Services of the City of Pasadena (“Director”), did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within said city on the 8th day of January, 2025, and City Council ratified the declaration of a local emergency on January 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Director issued a Power Air Blower Regulation on January 14, 2025, in accordance with Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, to prohibit use of power air blowers and air propelling devices, such as leaf blowers, in Pasadena and City Council adopted a resolution ratifying the Director’s power air blower regulation on January 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) mobile air monitoring testing results from January 31, 2025 showed no elevated levels of heavy metals (such as lead or arsenic) or benzene and overall, the AQMD results were within background levels and below national standards and state health thresholds; and

WHEREAS, testing for contaminants at eight City facilities completed on February 17, 2025 found no asbestos and all lead measurements to be below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Dust Lead Action Level (DLAL) of 5 micrograms of lead per square foot (µg/ft²), a strict standard that was established to protect children in homes and childcare centers; and

WHEREAS, the AQMD mobile monitoring and City facility test results conclude that the fire recovery conditions have progressed to a point that warrants amendment of the Power Air Blower Regulation;

WHEREAS, the Director issued an Amendment of Power Air Blower Regulation on February 19, 2025, prohibiting the use of power air blowers and air propelling devices, such as leaf blowers, to only within the fire perimeter of the 2025 Eaton wildfire, as defined by CAL FIRE at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/1/7/eaton-fire>, and within 50 feet of a fire damaged structure; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with P.M.C. 2.370, the Amendment of Power Air Blower Regulation issued by the Director must be confirmed by the City Council at the earliest practical time.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the February 19, 2025, Amended Power Air Blower Regulation is hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council; and
2. That said Amended Power Air Blower Regulation shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Pasadena or rescinded by the Director.

Adopted at the _____ meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Arnold F. Lee
Chief Assistant City Attorney