

Introduced by Councilmember _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS
SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 9.37 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING LEAF-BLOWING MACHINES

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9.37.010 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended to
read:

“9.37.010 Declaration of policy.

It is declared to be the policy of the city to prohibit unnecessary, excessive and
annoying noise, airborne dust and noxious fumes caused by the use of leaf blowers, pursuant to
the city’s police powers.”

SECTION 2. Section 9.37.020 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended to
add a new subsections D to read:

“D. ‘Person’ as used in this chapter means one who uses, controls, employs or
hires an individual to use a leaf blower, including but not limited to, the real property owner, a
tenant, an individual holding a legal interest in the real property, or a person employed in the
landscape gardening or property maintenance business.”

SECTION 3. Section 9.37.030 is hereby amended to read:

“9.37.030 Prohibition.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or to operate, or cause to be operated
any type of leaf-blowing machine or device within a residential 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 at any

time on Sunday.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or allow to be used, or to operate or cause to be used or operated any type of leaf-blowing machine or device in the city within a radius of 500 feet of a residential 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 at any time on Sunday.

C. It shall be 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 shall be unlawful to operate more than one leaf blower per parcel.

E. It shall be unlawful to operate a leaf blower for more than 15 minutes per hour on a parcel less than ½ acre, and for more than 30 minutes per hour on a parcel greater than ½ acre.

F. It shall be unlawful to operate a leaf blower with a maximum noise level of 65 decibels when measured from a distance of 50 feet.”

SECTION 4. Section 9.37.050 is hereby amended to read:

“9.37.050 Public health department certification

It shall be unlawful to use or operate a leaf blower within the city unless it is certified annually by the public health department. Upon certification, a department approved

sticker shall be affixed on the leaf blower so as to be visible at all times the leaf blower is in use.”

SECTION 5. Chapter 9.37 is amended to add a new §9.37.060 to read:

“9.37.060 Responsibility for enforcement.

The public health department shall have responsibility for enforcement of this chapter.”

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication.

Signed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Bill Bogaard
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held _____, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

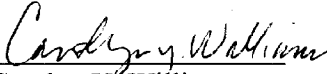
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Asst. City Attorney