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ANC3C Resolution 2018-028
Regarding Support of the Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment
Act of 2017

Whereas, the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers generates noise levels that far exceed health and safety standards and have been shown to contribute to serious environmental and public health problems; and

Whereas, studies document that the population most seriously threatened by the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers is the operators themselves, as well as those in near proximity to such operation, especially children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions; and

Whereas, the noise from leaf blowers can potentially damage a person's hearing; and

Whereas, the wind force from the leaf blowers disturbs topsoil and other materials lying below the leaf layer dispersing spores, fungi, pollen, and chemical residue from insecticides, rodenticides, herbicides and fungicides as well as other potential allergens and particles of animal feces into the air; and

Whereas, cleaner and quieter cordless battery-powered leaf blowers are increasingly available and are being used already by some landscaping companies and homeowners with effective results and at a competitive price; and

Whereas, a bill (B22-0234) has been introduced in the D.C. Council by Council Member Mary Cheh, co-sponsored by Council Members Anita Bonds, David Grasso, Kenyan McDuffie, and Charles Allen, to phase out the lawful operation of gas-powered leaf blowers in the District of Columbia after an adequate period for current owners and retailers of such equipment to amortize their inventories and transition to healthier and more environmentally-sustainable alternatives; and

Whereas, the legislation would require any D.C. retailer who continues to sell gas-powered mowers after January 1, 2020 to provide conspicuous notice to D.C. residents that it is not lawful to operate the equipment in the District:

Therefore, Be It Resolved that ANC 3C supports B22-0234 and urges the DC Council to enact it.

Be It Resolved that the Chair or her designee is authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy J. MacWood".

**Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on July 16, 2018**

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on July 16, 2018 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.