



ORDINANCE #	(ID # 7754)
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, POLICE REGULATIONS, SECTION 3-8, NOISE RESTRICTIONS, SUBSECTION 3-8.1, NOISE PROHIBITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO BAN THE USE OF GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS (establish pilot program banning use of gas-powered leaf blowers with sunset)

Ordinance Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 3, Police Regulations, Section 3-8, Noise Restrictions, Subsection 3-8.1, Noise Prohibitions, to ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, as a pilot program, during the 2021 summer season, specifically from June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 within the City of Summit.

WHEREAS, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers creates a health hazard to the users of said equipment as well as to City residents by displacing significant amounts of particulate matter, chemical pesticides, pollen, and mold into the air; and

WHEREAS, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers creates a nuisance by generating low-frequency noise at higher decibels and by emitting carbon and non-carbon emissions, and interfering with City residents' quiet enjoyment of the outdoors during summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to prohibit the use of gas powered leaf blowers within the City from June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 as pilot program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT,
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 3, Police Regulations, Section 3-8, Noise Restrictions, Subsection 3-8.1, Noise Prohibitions, of the Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3-8.1 Noise Prohibitions.

The following acts are prohibited:

- b. Without in any way limiting the provisions of this section hereof, the following acts are specifically prohibited:
- 4. (a) The operation or use of any power lawnmower, leaf blower, chainsaw, woodchipper, power washers or similar property maintenance device, other than snowplows or snow blowers, by commercial or public users, except during the following hours:

	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays and Holidays
Commercial	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Not permitted
Public	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Golf Courses	6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any section, the operation or use of any gas-powered (not electric or battery-powered) leaf blower is prohibited within the City at all times from June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. This prohibition applies to all users.
- (c) Any responsible party violating Section 3-8.1(b)(4)(b) shall be, on the first offense, given a warning and informed about the prohibition. Any responsible party violating Section 3-8.1(b)(4)(b) shall be subject to a fine upon conviction hereof, not exceeding \$100.00 for the second offense, \$250.00 for the third offense, and \$500.00 for the fourth and any subsequent offenses. The term "responsible party" shall mean (i) the individual who operates the gas-powered leaf blower, or (ii) in the event such individual is employed by or is an independent contractor for a lawn maintenance company or entity, then such company or entity will be solely responsible for the payment of such fines.
- (d) In the event of a hurricane, tropical storm, or similar extreme storm event or emergency, the Mayor of the City of Summit may, at his/her sole discretion, temporarily suspend the application of Section 3-8.1(b)(4)(b) for the purposes of debris cleanup or for such other emergency purposes.
- (e) The Summit Police Department or the Department of Community Services shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, sentence clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision of such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs or sections hereof.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENCY. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

(Latest additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikethrough~~)

Dated:

I, Rosalia M. Licatese, City Clerk of the
City of Summit, do hereby certify that the
foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the
Common Council of said City at a regular
meeting held on

Approved:

Mayor

City Clerk