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On July 25, 2024 the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance *in Concept* that would prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in unincorporated areas of the county. The ordinance was returned to the Board for a second reading and final adoption the following August.

The Board voted in August NOT to adopt the ordinance, pending further staff work to identify funding opportunities to help mitigate costs to users of switching out equipment. So, there is currently no ordinance.

There are other ordinances that do not help mitigate costs to users, so why would this ordinance be the same? This is an environmental issue as well as a peace of mind issue.

Businesses and individual users can afford leaf blowers. Ace Hardware sells seven different electric leaf blowers ranging from \$59 to \$499. This is not cost prohibitive and our environment is worth it.

And of course there are brooms that require only elbow grease.

<https://www.acehardware.com/departments/lawn-and-garden/outdoor-power-equipment/leaf-blowers/electric-powered-leaf-blowers>

Let's start off 2025 with a recommitment to the environment by eliminating one gas powered leaf blower at a time. Please revisit this ordinance, the City has passed their ordinance, it is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

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