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City Noise Prohibitions and Enforcement

AMENDMENT 2 – ALD. SAVIDGE

Amendment Summary:

Amendment 2:

- tightens the definition of the type of leaf blowers which would be banned in the City
- adds leaf vacuums
- tightens the definition of banned high-frequency sound emitters
- lets the City Manager decide which City department enforces the noise provisions.

On page 3, strike lines 7 through 19, and insert the following:

"C. **Prohibited.** The following are prohibited from being used in the City:

1. A combustion engine-powered, handheld, backpack, or walk-behind leaf blower or leaf vacuum;
2. High-frequency sound emitters designed for animal or pet deterrence."

On page 3, in line 32, strike "Director Planning and Zoning, the Police Chief" and after "by the" insert "City Manager."

Explanation:

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As the change would look in the resolution:

C. Prohibited. The following are prohibited in residential districts from being used in the City:

1. A combustion engine-powered, handheld, backpack, or walk-behind leaf blower or leaf vacuum;

2. High-frequency sound emitters designed for animal or pet deterrence.

~~1. Gas Powered Leaf Blowers. The use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers in residential districts within the City of Annapolis is prohibited.~~

~~2. High Frequency Sound.~~

~~a. Except as may be permitted for special events or activities or governmental activities, any activity resulting in high frequency sound in a residential area as set forth in the Maryland Code of Regulations 26.02.03.02(B)(4) is prohibited.~~

~~b. Permits issued by the Department of Public Works may be granted to individuals, groups or organizations for specific events or activities that may result in the occurrence of high frequency sound in residential areas, including but not limited to scientific research, medical purposes or industrial applications.~~

B. Noise. Violations of the City's noise ordinance, Title 11 § 12.020, shall be subject to enforcement by the Director of Planning and Zoning, the Police Chief, City Manager or their designees ("Enforcement Official").

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