

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article Chapter 5 (NOISE CONTROL) of Title 11 (HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SANITARY REGULATIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by deleting the text shown in strikethrough and adding the text shown in underline as follows:

Sec. 11-5-2 - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

(15.1) Gas-powered leaf blower or gas-powered leaf vacuum. Any leaf blower or leaf vacuum, including but not limited to handheld, backpack, or walk-behind equipment, directly powered by an internal combustion engine using gasoline, diesel, alcohol or other liquid or gaseous fluid.

Sec. 11-5-4 - Noises prohibited—enumeration.

The following acts, among others, are declared to be unlawful, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(16) Power lawn and garden equipment.

(a) No person shall operate or permit the operation of any gas-powered leaf blowers or gas-powered leaf vacuums.

(b) The operation or permitting the operation of any power lawn or garden equipment is prohibited during the times listed in Table II, ~~except of any power lawn or garden equipment~~ gas-powered leaf blowers or gas-powered leaf vacuums, whose use is prohibited at all times.

TABLE II		
	Prohibited Hours	
Day	Before	After
Monday through Friday	7:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays as listed in Sec. 11-5-5 (a)(5)a.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.

Sec. 11-5-5 - Noises prohibited—decibel provisions.

(4) The maximum permissible sound levels established in Table III for application to the boundaries of a property shall not be applied to construction sites or power lawn and garden equipment. Construction site noise shall be regulated by [section 11-5-4\(b\)\(10\)](#) and [11-5-4\(b\)\(15\)](#) and other appropriate sections of this chapter. Power lawn and garden equipment noise shall be regulated by section 11-5-4(16) and other appropriate sections of this chapter.

Section 2. That Title 11, Chapter 5 as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 3. Amendments to Code §§ 11-5-2 and 11-5-4 addressed in this ordinance shall become effective on November 17, 2026.

Amendments to Code § 11-5-5 addressed in this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of this ordinance’s final passage.

ALYIA GASKINS
Mayor

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