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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 14 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY** that Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the
Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within
the Township seasonally.

**II. CHAPTER 17, SECTION 17.1 ENTITLED DEFINITIONS BE AND IS HEREBY
AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

Electric Powered Leaf Blower shall mean a piece of equipment powered by an electric motor
used in yard maintenance.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blower shall mean a piece of equipment powered by a two-stroke or four-
stroke engine using gasoline or a mixture of gasoline and oil blend as fuel and used primarily for
but not exclusively to blow grass clippings and debris, leaves, dirt, etc. often used in yard and
lawn maintenance.

Turbine Blower commonly referred to as a “Buffalo Blower” shall mean a piece of equipment
that is connected to a small tractor, golf cart or other vehicle and is intended to maintain large
parcels of land. It shall be used only on golf courses.

**III. CHAPTER 17, SECTION 14.2 ENTITLED PROHIBITED CONDUCT BE AND IS
HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

The use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers, except a Turbine Blower, shall be prohibited within the
Township of West Orange on residential, commercial and Township properties as follows:

1. Gas Powered Leaf Blowers may be permitted March 15 through April 30, 2024;
and October 15 through November 30, 2024.
2. Effective January 1, 2025, Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers shall be prohibited
anywhere in the Township for any reason.
3. All Leaf Blowers defined in Section 14.1 shall be prohibited from use in the
application of chemicals or products to treat bug or insect infestation.
4. No more than one Gas-Powered Leaf Blower may be used on a residential lot.
5. Hours of usage for Leaf Blowers shall be limited to:

- a) Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- b) Saturdays 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- c) Sunday use is prohibited.

IV. CHAPTER 17, SECTION 14.3 ENTITLED EXCEPTIONS BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD AS FOLLOWS:

In the event of a weather emergency or other emergent circumstances, the Township Emergency Management Coordinator shall be permitted to modify the restrictions of this Ordinance.

No provision herein shall apply to any governmental property or public or private golf course.

V. CHAPTER 17, SECTION 14.5 ENTITLED PENALTIES BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD AS FOLLOWS:

Fines for violation of this Ordinance shall be applicable to both the property owner and any contractor doing work in the Township and shall be fixed by Resolution.

VI. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

VII. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Tammy Williams
Council President

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Susan McCartney
Mayor

Introduced: September 19, 2023

Adopted: October 10, 2023

Approved as to form on the basis of the facts provided:

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Legislative History

This Ordinance is intended to limit and prohibit the use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers within the Township.