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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 21, 2021

TITLE: Leaf Blowers Discussion - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

At the January 5, 2021's Conference Meeting, the City Commission requested the opportunity to further discuss a proposed Leaf Blower Ordinance. This Conference Item will be to discuss the possibility of banning gas-powered leaf blowers or restricting the length of time allowed for operation.

The City Commission would like to discuss limitations on gas-powered leaf blowers, and substitute with other alternatives, such as electric leaf blowers, for purposes of reducing air pollution and improving the quality of air in our environment.

The City Commission would also like to explore the possibility of limiting the time when leaf blowers are allowed, along with banning certain days throughout the calendar year the leaf blowers can be operated.

The City Manager and City Attorney Office are seeking guidance in drafting the ordinance.

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