

## **ADD-ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council Member Sherri Myers

**SUBJECT:**

REFERRAL TO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE USE OF TWO-STROKE GAS LEAF BLOWERS ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council refer to the Environmental Advisory Board for review and recommendation – Analyzing the impact of lawn management practices of city property and the use of two-stroke gas leaf blowers on greenhouse gas emissions in the city and suggestions for lowering any emissions associated with two-stroke blowers.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Pensacola maintains many acres of parks, athletic fields, right of ways, golf course and other green spaces. The maintenance often requires the use of leaf blowers that are typically two stroke gas blowers that are known to produce high volume of greenhouse emissions. The city has an interest in reducing greenhouse emissions to address climate change and to demonstrate good stewardship of the environment.

The city's Environmental Advisory Board has the interest and expertise to assist the city in developing practical solutions to the use of two stroke gas leaf blowers

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Noise Emissions from Lawn and Garden Equipment

**PRESENTATION:** No