

# PROPOSED

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 18

Bill No. 85-25

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, October 6, 2025

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Introduced and first read on October 6, 2025  
Public Hearing set for November 3, 2025  
Bill Expires on January 9, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

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### A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Purchasing – County Government's Transition to Zero  
2 Emissions Leaf Blowers – Leading by Example

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4 FOR the purpose of adding definitions of “gas powered leaf blower” and “zero emissions  
5 leaf blower”; requiring all County owned gas powers leaf blowers to be replaced with  
6 zero emissions leaf blowers; providing for a transition period; and generally relating to  
7 purchasing.  
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9 BY adding: § 8-2-124  
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)  
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12 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
13 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:  
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### 15 ARTICLE 8. PURCHASING

### 16 TITLE 2. PROCUREMENT

### 17 18 19 **8-2-124. Transition to zero-emissions leaf blowers.**

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21 (A) **Applicability.** THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO THE PROCUREMENT OF HAND-HELD OR  
22 BACKPACK LEAF BLOWERS.  
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24 (B) **Definition.** IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
25 INDICATED.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 (1) "GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER" MEANS ANY LEAF BLOWER, LEAF VACUUM OR  
2 OTHER LEAF-GATHERING DEVICE DIRECTLY POWERED BY AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION OR  
3 ROTARY ENGINE USING GASOLINE, ALCOHOL OR OTHER LIQUID OR GASEOUS FLUID.  
4 LAWN MOWERS, LAWN EDGERS AND ELECTRICALLY POWERED LEAF BLOWERS ARE NOT  
5 INCLUDED IN THIS DEFINITION.

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7 (2) "ZERO EMISSIONS LEAF BLOWER" MEANS ANY LEAF BLOWER, LEAF VACUUM  
8 OR OTHER LEAF GATHERING DEVICE POWERED BY ELECTRIC MEANS, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
9 LIMITED TO BATTERY-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS AND CORDLESS RECHARGEABLE LEAF  
10 BLOWERS.

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12 **(C) Replacement of County hand-held or backpack lawn equipment.**

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14 (1) AS OF JULY 1, 2030, ALL DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES OF ANNE ARUNDEL  
15 COUNTY MAY NOT PURCHASE, LEASE, OR USE HAND-HELD OR BACKPACK-TYPE  
16 GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS FOR ANY PURPOSE.

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18 (2) PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2030, EXISTING HAND-HELD AND BACKPACK-TYPE GAS-  
19 POWERED LEAF BLOWERS SHALL BE REPLACED WITH ZERO-EMISSION LEAF BLOWERS AS  
20 THEY REACH THE END OF THEIR USEFUL LIFE OR AS FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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22 (3) ALL HAND-HELD AND BACKPACK-TYPE GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS  
23 CURRENTLY USED BY COUNTY STAFF SHALL BE REPLACED WITH ZERO-EMISSION LEAF  
24 BLOWERS NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2030.

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26 (4) THE OFFICE OF CENTRAL SERVICES SHALL IDENTIFY AND MAKE AVAILABLE  
27 SUITABLE CONTRACTS FOR USE BY COUNTY AGENCIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
28 ZERO-EMISSION LEAF BLOWERS, CHARGING DEVICES, AND BATTERY PACKS TO SUPPORT  
29 LANDSCAPING OPERATIONS BY COUNTY PERSONNEL ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

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31 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
32 from the date it becomes law.