

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: November 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-234, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 17, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$291,000 in fiscal year 2022 and over the four-year financial plan.

Background

The bill bans the sale and use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers in the District, beginning January 1, 2022. This does not apply to operation of gasoline-powered leaf blowers on federal lands or facilities. Violations of the ban are subject to a civil infraction fine of up to \$500.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$291,000 in fiscal year 2022 and over the four-year financial plan. When the ban takes effect, on January 1, 2022, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs estimates it will need to track, respond to, and enforce an estimated 2,000 complaints annually. This will require approximately two inspectors, and one administrative staff person to process and respond to complaints. Information technology upgrades and equipment and fleet costs associated with the team will require an additional \$55,000.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: "Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act of 2018," Bill 22-234 Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 17, 2018.

| Fiscal Impact of Bill 22-234, Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act of 2018 | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Fiscal Year 2019 - Fiscal Year 2022 | | | | | |
| (\$ thousands) | | | | | |
| | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Total |
| Personal Services costs for inspectors and administrative staff | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$236 | \$236 |
| Equipment, fleet and IT costs | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$55 | \$55 |
| TOTAL COST | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$291 | \$291 |