

**Town of Somerset**  
**Ordinance to Prohibit Use of Gas-Powered Blowers**

Resolution No.: 1-21  
Introduced: January 4, 2021  
Adopted: February 1, 2021  
Effective Date: 3/9/21

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF GAS-POWERED BLOWERS, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-202, as amended, grants to the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in Maryland general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, or the public general law, as deemed necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality;

WHEREAS, Section 83-17 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to pass ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or the Town Charter, as it may deem necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation the Town's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the Town and visitors thereto and sojourners therein;

WHEREAS, after proper notice to the public, the Town Council introduced the following Ordinance in an open meeting conducted on the 4th day of January, 2021;

WHEREAS, after proper notice to the public, the Town Council considered the following Ordinance in public session assembled on the 1st day of February, 2021;

WHEREAS, after receiving a recommendation from Environment Committee, and upon consideration of the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing, the Town Council finds that the ordinance as hereinafter set forth is necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation the Town's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the Town and visitors thereto and sojourners therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council does hereby adopt the foregoing Ordinance.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by the Maryland Code and the Town Charter, that:


1. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 9 day of March, 2021 (36 calendar days after approval by the Mayor).

ATTEST:

TOWN OF SOMERSET

  
Matt Trollinger, Manager/Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Somerset

  
Marnie Shaar, President  
Town Council

Approved:

  
Jeffrey Williams, Mayor  
Town of Somerset

Date: 2/1/21

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