



ordinance not be at a competitive disadvantage with firms still out of compliance. The more firms that comply, the fewer calls to police or ISD, which can work proactively in the field but not respond to individual calls, like the police. 263-22(2)

The Commissioner of ISD, John Lojek, and his enforcement officer, Andrew Mavrelis, felt that having the same fine for operating violations as for failure to register would help enhance compliance, rather than having to keep track of which leaf-blower ordinance provision was violated by which contractor after a warning for purpose of a graduated fine. Police Chief John Carmichael concurred. Commissioner. Lojek and Mr. Mavrelis also felt it would be good to have all the leaf-blower fines consolidated in one place in the ordinance. Associate City Solicitor Marie Lawlor helped draft the language to accomplish these changes.

In response to this information, the Programs and Services Committee supported these adjustments to the ordinance 7-0. Because the current graduated fine would be replaced by a flat fine, the Committee felt that the Finance Committee should also approve it. Assuming the Finance Committee concurs, then the joint recommendations would be reported to the full Council at its July meeting, which would allow the adjusted fine to be effective for the balance of the summer and into the fall. The hope would be to enhance compliance further so that violations, and the enforcement responses they require, will be less frequent.

We hope that this information will be helpful in informing the Finance Committee discussion on Monday, but please let us know if you have any questions.

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