

Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Regulations (Ordinance No. 2022-4460) Financial Hardship Waiver

Miami Beach’s Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Regulations (Ordinance No. 2022-4460) was adopted in January 2022 as part of the City’s commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The Ordinance requires that, by August 1, 2023, all leaf blowers used within the city are to be battery and/or electric-powered. Under the Ordinance, the City Manager may exempt a property owner or landscape maintenance company for 12 months from compliance with the Ordinance based on a financial hardship. To receive such an exemption, a property owner or principal of a landscape maintenance company must apply for a financial hardship waiver.

TO APPLY FOR THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WAIVER, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

Name of property owner or principal of landscape company: _____
Name of landscape maintenance company (if applicable): _____
Address of property owner or landscape maintenance company: _____

Identification

-ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT: a copy of a Florida-issued Driver's License or Identification Card (valid and reflecting the address for which the applicant is seeking financial hardship waiver)

Driver’s license or ID number: _____

Income Eligibility:

Income eligibility is determined for a property owner or principal of a landscape maintenance company. The applicant must have an annual gross income of 80% of the area median income, or less, based on the FY 2023 Miami-Dade County Income Limits. Income limits are dependent on household size. To determine income and household size, please see the information below.

FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Household Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	57,800	66,050	74,300	82,550	89,200	95,800	102,400	109,000

Source: huduser.gov

Please send all required information to: Sustainability@miamibeachfl.gov.

Household Size: _____

Who counts as a household member? Household means all persons occupying a housing unit. The occupants may be a family; two or more families living together; or any other group of related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

Complete the table below for ALL household members 18 years and older:

Household Member	Wages / Salaries*	Benefits / Pensions	Public Assistance	Other Income	Asset Income	TOTAL INCOME PER MEMBER
					TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME	

*Include tips, commission, bonuses and overtime.

Please answer the following income questions. If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” please include the amounts in the table above:

1. Do you receive alimony or child support payments? _____
2. Do you receive foster care payments? _____
3. Do you receive medical expenses reimbursed to the family? If so, from who and what is the monthly amount and the total amount of the medical expense? _____
4. Do you receive regular contribution from organizations? If so, from who and what is the monthly amount you are receiving? _____

- ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT: a copy of last year's income tax filing which shows annual gross income of 80% of the area median income, or less, based on the FY 2023 Miami-Dade County Income Limits table.

Last year’s total household income as listed on income tax filings: _____

In accordance with Sec. 46-245, please provide evidence of the following:

- a) There is no comparable alternative product that does not use gas to power up leaf blowers; or
- b) The purchase or use of an alternative product would create an undue financial hardship.

Provide an explanation describing the basis for the requested waiver (pursuant to Section 46-245) and attach supporting documentation:
