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Idle Reduction Policy for Company/Agency Property

Background

Air pollution, particularly ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter, is an immediate and ongoing concern in Louisville. It impacts citizen health, economic growth, and quality of life. Vehicle exhaust, including exhaust from idling vehicles, contributes significantly to air pollution in our community.

Statement of Purpose

This policy is intended to protect the health of drivers, the public, and the environment from exposure to vehicle exhaust by prohibiting unnecessary idling of vehicles on property owned, operated, or managed by {Company/Agency}.

Statement of Policy

Drivers are advised to turn off vehicles when parked on property owned, operated, or managed by {Company/Agency} and not re-start vehicles until necessary to depart. This policy applies to all vehicles, including:

- Vehicles owned and operated by {Company/Agency},
- Vehicles operated by employees of {Company/Agency},
- Vehicles delivering goods and services to {Company/Agency}; and
- Vehicles operated by customers/visitors of/to {Company/Agency}.

{Company/Agency} shall notify its customers and visitors of this policy by:

1. Posting "Turn Off Your Engine/No Idle Zone" street signs where they can be easily seen by vehicles parked at {Company/Agency}.
2. Posting "Turn Off Your Engine/No Idle Zone" posters and window stickers, as appropriate, on the premises.
3. Providing literature on the benefits of not idling.
4. Including this message in mailings, newsletters, bill inserts, and other customary means of communicating with customers and visitors.

Exemptions

The request that a driver turn off a vehicle and refrain from idling does not apply for the period or periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

1. To provide for the safety of vehicle occupants, such as in cases of extreme hot or cold conditions (e.g., to run the air conditioner or heater under extreme heat or cold).
2. To operate power take-off equipment or auxiliary equipment performing work.
3. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.

In any of the above exemption cases, if equipment can be run from the battery, drivers should refrain from idling unless there is a significant concern of draining the battery.

Implementation

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Dated the XX day of {Month}, 20XX.

Signature