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Idle Reduction Policy for Company/Agency Fleet Vehicles

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; reduce wear on vehicle engines; decrease fuel consumption; and minimize operational costs.

Definition

For the purpose of this policy, a “fleet” is defined as all vehicles owned, rented, or leased by {Company/Agency} or operated for the purpose of conducting business on behalf of {Company/Agency}.

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of {Company/Agency} that drivers of {Company/Agency} fleet vehicles turn off vehicle engines (i.e., not idle) when a vehicle will be stopped for more than ten seconds, except when in traffic.

This policy applies, but is not limited, to the following situations:

- When loading or unloading goods or personnel
- When stopped for road construction
- When waiting at a drive-through window
- When stopped and waiting for any reason (except in traffic, such as when stopped at a traffic light)

Exemptions

The policy of turning off vehicles when stopped 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 stopped in traffic, such as when waiting at a traffic light.
4. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.

In any of the above exemption cases (except exemption 3), 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