

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 151

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANTI-IDLING INITIATIVES  
AND ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING ANTI-IDLING LAWS.

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies have found links between exposure to fine particles and health effects including premature death, increased incidents of asthma, allergies, and other breathing disorders; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified diesel exhaust as likely to be carcinogenic to humans; and

WHEREAS, vehicle idling occurs in locations, such as school grounds, parking lots, distribution centers, strip malls, construction sites and business centers where people are exposed to concentrated sources of air pollutants; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a significant public health concern in New Jersey, especially among children (up to 25% of New Jersey's school-age children are asthmatic) and elderly; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of fine-particle emissions from diesel engines could also prevent 16,000 new asthma cases annually and save \$770 million to \$10 billion in health care and related costs in the State; and

WHEREAS, for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide, the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change, with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, idling is not beneficial to vehicle engines because it wears engine parts; and

WHEREAS, idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning an engine off and on again; and

WHEREAS, state law prohibits the idling of vehicles for more than three minutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Vineland supports the adoption of an anti-idling initiatives by government agencies, schools, businesses, and other organizations by:

1. Encouraging drivers of gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicles to turn off their engines immediately at frequent idling locations, such as school grounds, parking lots, distribution centers, drive-thrus, strip malls, construction sites and business centers;
2. Maintaining municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust and complying with the annual inspection requirement for those vehicles;
3. Including municipal vehicles in anti-idling initiatives, except in public safety situations where idling may be necessary, such as the idling of an ambulance or police vehicle;
4. Promoting the widespread use of emission controls in construction contracts (for example, see the "Diesel Emission Controls in Construction Projects: Model Contract Specification" developed by the Northeast Diesel Collaborative);
5. Supporting broad education of the public about the health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling; and
6. Encouraging municipal peace officers to enforce violations of New Jersey's anti-idling laws described in the "Air Pollution Control Act", N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et seq.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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