

**To: Brattleboro Selectboard**

**From: Paul Cameron, Brattleboro Climate Protection Director**

**Re: Anti-Idling Resolution**

**March 28, 2007**

Brattleboro Climate Protection has been conducting a public education campaign to inform Brattleboro residents about the negative effects of engine idling. As part of that effort, the Selectboard is asked to approve the attached anti-idling resolution. Paul Cameron and members of the idling committee will make a short presentation about the campaign.

# Anti-Idling Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Brattleboro, through participation in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, has identified the problem of motor vehicle emissions as a high priority for the Town to address; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brattleboro has endorsed the Ten Percent Challenge, a program sponsored by Brattleboro Climate Protection to address factors contributing to global warming; and

WHEREAS, emissions from idling vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, and to increased rates of respiratory diseases which adversely affect Brattleboro citizens, especially children, seniors, and people with weakened immune systems; and

WHEREAS, idling a vehicle for longer than ten seconds consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle, resulting in excessive emissions, wasted fuel, and possible damage to the vehicle's engine; and

WHEREAS, the Laidlaw Bus Company and Brattleboro Beeline have implemented no-idling policies pertaining to Brattleboro Public School and Town buses; and

WHEREAS, several Town departments, including the Public Works Department and Parks & Recreation Department, have already moved to implement no-idling policies for employees driving Town-owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that Brattleboro motorists reduce fuel consumption and resulting vehicle emissions, and the Town of Brattleboro take appropriate measures to improve the health of Town residents and to protect the environment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no person shall leave idling for more than two (2) minutes any motor vehicle in any area of the Town, except in the following instances:

- 1) Motors used to run refrigeration units may be left idling to permit uninterrupted refrigeration.
- 2) A motor vehicle may be left idling if necessary for the repair of that vehicle.
- 3) This provision shall not apply to motor vehicles that must be kept idling in order to install, maintain or repair equipment or infrastructure.
- 4) This provision shall not apply in any situation in which the health or safety of a driver or passenger requires the idling of the vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Brattleboro, through the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, continues to educate Brattleboro citizens regarding the dangers to the environment and Town residents caused by unnecessary idling of motor vehicles.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

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