

**TOWN OF JERICHO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
IDLING POLICY**

PURPOSE:

To benefit Jericho residents and its employees in the following ways:

- Protect the health of operators and people in the vicinity of the vehicle
- Save money by saving fuel and reducing engine wear
- Reduce carbon emissions and environmental damage
- Conserve energy
- Comply with municipal and state laws

POLICY:

All Jericho Highway Department employees who operate any vehicle owned or leased by Jericho will limit the idling of the vehicle in the following ways:

- In general, operators will eliminate unnecessary engine idling
- Limit warm up idling to no more than 5 minutes
- Shut the engine off when at loading dock or upon arriving at destination
- Never let the engine run while the vehicle is unattended

EXEMPTIONS:

- For safety reasons, vehicle windshield defrosting must be adequate
- If the vehicle must stop on a public road because of traffic conditions over which the operator has no control
- For generating heat in the cabin in extreme weather but not for cooling cabin.
- For operations of essential on-board auxiliary equipment, when battery power is no longer available or not practical
- When being maintained, repaired or tested, as needed

No Idling Resolution
Town of Jericho

WHEREAS, vehicle idling generates emissions that pollute the air we breathe, which can cause respiratory problems, including asthma and lung disease and where children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable resources, existing reserves are declining, and therefore they should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, vehicle idling burns fuel, emitting CO₂ – a major contributor to detrimental climate change; and

WHEREAS, idling for more than 30 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and back on; and

WHEREAS, excessive idling causes needless engine wear that can lead to increased engine maintenance and shortened engine life; and

WHEREAS, allowing an unattended vehicle to idle in public violates Vermont's unattended motor vehicles law; and

IN SUMMARY, reducing idling will save money and fuel, reduce carbon emissions and air pollutants and keep us law-abiding.

Therefore, we as citizens and stewards of both the present and future environment will eliminate unnecessary vehicle idling by turning off our engines when picking up and dropping off children at school, stopping at the post office and stores, parking to drop off recycling and trash, visiting drive-through windows and ATMs, pulling over to talk on cell phones, and all other situations that will involve idling for more than 30 seconds when parked or not in traffic on a public thoroughfare.

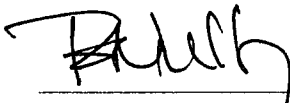
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that no person shall leave idling for more than three (3) minutes any motor vehicle in any area of the Town, except in the following instances:

- 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.

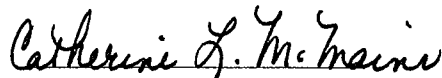
- 3) This provision shall not apply to motor vehicles that must be kept idling in order to install, maintain or repair equipment or infrastructure.
- 4) This provision shall not apply in any situation in which the health or safety of a driver or passenger requires the idling of the vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE Town of Jericho, through Idle Free Vermont, continues to educate Jericho citizens regarding the dangers to the environment and Town residents caused by unnecessary idling of motor vehicles.

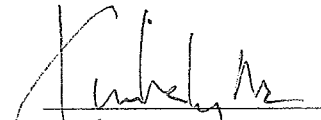
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