

Newfane, Vermont – Anti-Idling Resolution

WHEREAS, emissions from idling vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, global warming and to increased rates of respiratory diseases which adversely affect Newfane 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 State of Vermont has instituted a no-idling policy for school buses and First Student Bus Company and Brattleboro Beeline have both implemented no-idling policies pertaining to public school and town buses; and

WHEREAS, town departments, including the Highway Department, are being encouraged to implement energy saving measures; and

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

We the undersigned – RESOLVE – that no person or town employee (or third party subcontractor) shall leave idling for more than one minute, 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 a vehicle.
5. This Resolution is a non-binding guideline and is not enforceable by coercion or fine, from State or Local authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Newfane wishes to continue to educate Newfane citizens regarding the dangers to the environment and town residents caused by unnecessary idling of motor vehicles. "No Idling" signs will be installed in the town at appropriate places, when available.

Dated this ____ day of January, 2008.

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