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**Idling Reduction Policy**

**PURPOSE:** To benefit Strafford, its employees, and Vermont's air quality and environment in the following ways:

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

**POLICY:** All Strafford employees who operate any vehicle owned or leased by The Town of Strafford 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 five minutes for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and 30 seconds for light-duty vehicles;
- Shut the engine off when at loading dock or upon arriving at destination; and
- Never let the engine run while the vehicle is unattended even for very short periods of time.

**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 operation of essential on-board auxiliary equipment, when battery power is no longer available or not practical; and
- When being maintained, repaired or tested, as needed.

The foregoing Policy is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Strafford, Vermont, this 29 day of August, 2013 and is effective as of this date until amended or repealed.

*Rita J. Malarkey*  
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*John Stoy*  
*Paul M. Hume*