



City of Dallas



Anti-Idling Ordinance

What is the City of Dallas' Idling Ordinance

Motor vehicles that weigh over 14,000 pounds are now prohibited from idling over five minutes in the City of Dallas. The law will be enforced during Ozone Season, April 1st – October 31st of each year.

The purpose of the idling ordinance is to help improve air quality in the City of Dallas.

City of Dallas Marshals will be issuing citations to drivers of idling vehicles. The penalty for idling is a fine not to exceed \$500.

Know the Options

Alternatives to idling a truck's engine in order to provide A/C and heat now exist.

Such options allow drivers to be comfortable and safe while saving money on fuel and reducing emissions from idling.



IdleAire units supply air conditioning, communications, and entertainment services to trucks and eliminate the need for prolonged engine idling.

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Options include:

- Automatic Engine Shut Down/Start Up
- Direct Fired Heater
- Auxiliary Power Units/Generator Sets
- Truck Stop Electrification and On-Vehicle Electrification

What are the Exceptions to the Rule?

Idling for longer than five minutes is permitted if the following circumstances occur:

1. The vehicle weighs 14,000 pounds or less;
2. The vehicle must remain motionless because of traffic conditions;
3. The vehicle is being used by the United States military including National Guard and Reserve forces; or as an emergency or law enforcement motor vehicle;
4. The vehicle is providing a power source necessary for mechanical operation, not including propulsion, and/or passenger compartment heating or air conditioning;
5. The vehicle is idling for maintenance or diagnostic purposes;
6. The vehicle is idling to defrost a windshield;
7. The vehicle is idling to supply heat or air conditioning necessary for passenger comfort/safety in those vehicles intended for commercial passenger transportation or school buses, in which case idling up to a maximum of 30 minutes is allowed;
8. The vehicle is idling to provide air conditioning or heating necessary for employee health or safety while the employee is using the vehicle to perform an essential job function related to road way construction or maintenance;
9. The vehicle is being used as airport ground support equipment; or
10. The vehicle is idling to provide heat or air conditioning to the driver while using the sleeper berth during a federally mandated rest period.

How to Report an Idling Vehicle

If you see a vehicle over 14,000 pounds idling for over 5 minutes please dial 311 and report the vehicle's license number to the operator.



How does the Idling Ordinance Help You?

\$ave Money!

Turning off your engine can save you some dough!! It is estimated that the average truck idles over 1,800 hours a year. Reducing idling can result in significant reductions in costs, fuel consumption, emissions and engine maintenance.

Protect Your Health

Idling releases diesel which contains harmful airborne contaminants.

Diesel emissions from motor vehicles contribute to health problems such as premature death, cancer, heart attacks, cardiovascular disease, emphysema and asthma.



For Information...

For more detailed information on idle reduction options please visit the U.S. SmartWay Transport Partnership Website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/smartway/idlingalternatives.htm>

In Dallas, there is currently one IdleAire station at Travel Centers of America, located in Dallas, TX off Interstate Highway I-20, Exit 472.



You can also visit www.idleair.org



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