

Sample Anti-Idling Policy

Statement of Purpose

This policy is designed to assist in protecting air quality through reduction of engine idling by employees, customers and product delivery vehicles of (name of business or organization).

Background

Air pollution, particularly ground-level ozone, is an immediate and ongoing concern in metro Denver. It impacts citizen health, economic growth, and quality of life. Vehicle exhaust from idling vehicles, contributes significantly to air pollution.

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of (name of business or organization) that driver of any vehicle belonging to the business, employees, customers of product delivery companies turn off vehicle engines when a vehicle will be stopped for more than 30 seconds, except when in traffic.

Exemptions

The policy of turning off vehicles when stopped does not apply for the periods or periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

1. To provide for the safety of vehicle occupants, such as extreme cold conditions (e.g. to run the heater).
2. To use lift equipment or other equipment necessary to accommodate individuals with one or more disabilities, or loading and unloading products or goods.
3. When stopped in traffic.
4. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.
5. When stopped at railroad crossings.

With the exception of exemption 3, if in the above exemption cases equipment can be run from the battery alone, drivers should refrain from idling unless there is a significant concern of draining the battery.

Implementation

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Dated the xx day of _____, 201x

Signature