

RESOLUTION NO. 100245

Declaring the City Council's intent to make Kansas City, Missouri a "No Idling Zone."

WHEREAS, emissions from idling vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution (including ground-level ozone), climate change, and increased rates of respiratory diseases which adversely affect Kansas City citizens, especially children, seniors, and people with weakened immune systems; and

WHEREAS, idling a vehicle for longer than thirty seconds consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle, resulting in excessive emissions, wasted fuel, and unnecessary wear to the vehicle's engine; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that Kansas City motorists reduce fuel consumption and resulting vehicle emissions; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of reduced engine idling are well known: reduced fuel use and related costs, reduced vehicle wear, and better air quality; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has approved an anti-idling policy for the City's fleet vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has adopted regulations that require reduced idling of heavy duty vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to taking actions to reduce ground-level ozone in order to protect public health and achieve compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted Resolution No. 080035 in support of the City's participation in the Sustainable Skylines initiative in the metropolitan area, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Office; the Mid-America Regional Council; the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; the Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County; Johnson County, Kansas; the Kansas Department of Health & Environment; the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and the Metropolitan Energy Center; and

WHEREAS by declaring Kansas City a "No Idling Zone," the City is promoting the social, environmental, and economic vitality of the community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City of Kansas City, Missouri is declared a "No Idling Zone."

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Section 2. That no person should leave idling for more than two (2) minutes any motor vehicle in any area of the City, except in the following instances:

- a) Emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks, ambulances, or law enforcement vehicles, while engaged in operational activities.
- b) Motors used to run refrigeration units left idling to permit uninterrupted refrigeration.
- c) Motor vehicles when necessary for the repair of that vehicle.
- d) Motor vehicles that must be kept idling in order to install, maintain or repair equipment or infrastructure.
- e) Any situation in which the health or safety of a driver or passenger requires the idling of the vehicle.

Section 3. That the City of Kansas City, Missouri wishes to collaborate with the Mid-America Regional Council and the KC Idle-Free project as part of the Sustainable Skylines initiative to promote reduced idling of gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles across the metropolitan area through signage and public education/outreach activities.

Section 4. That the City of Kansas City, Missouri encourages contractors performing construction services for the City and developers who receive funding from the City to implement no idling policies at their projects for the use of off-road equipment as well as on road and delivery vehicles used to transport materials to their sites.

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