

RESOLUTION R2007-170
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates, and a multitude of potentially harmful pollutants that can potentially trigger health-related impacts and significantly contribute to greenhouse climate change; and

WHEREAS, the United States Argonne National Laboratory estimates that about 20 million barrels of diesel fuel are consumed each year by idling long-haul trucks (estimated truck emissions total about 10 million tons of CO₂, 50,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, and 2,000 tons of particulates); and

WHEREAS, the reduction of wasteful vehicle idling is beneficial to air quality, conserves petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel which are nonrenewable fuels and may even benefit a vehicle's engine by lessening the wear on engine parts; and

WHEREAS, according to United States Argonne National Laboratory, idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again and idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township reaffirms strong support for enforcing the existing New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection emission laws limiting idling time to three minutes and enforcing existing violations and penalties under New Jersey's existing No-Idling code, as codified in the Township Ordinances.
2. The Township encourages any gasoline or diesel powered motor vehicle to turn off their engines after 10 seconds if they plan to remain at that location for more than 30 seconds.
3. The Township commits to maintain municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust.
4. The Township supports broad education of the public about the health, environmental and economic impacts of vehicle idling and ways to reduce vehicle idling.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on July 24, 2007.

Cindy A. Dye
Municipal Clerk