

Town of North Yarmouth Anti-Idling Policy

Section 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to inform all Town employees of the need to eliminate unnecessary vehicle idling in order to reduce the cost of Town operations and to reduce emissions created by Town vehicles.

Section 2. POLICY

A) The Town shall strive to continually improve the efficient use of vehicle fuels in an effort to reduce operating costs and environmental impacts. Town vehicles shall not idle unnecessarily. Operators of Town equipment will adhere to the following standards.

1. Idling is prohibited when the ambient temperature is above 32 degrees Fahrenheit except under the circumstances outlined below.
2. Idling is limited to no longer than ten (10) minutes when the ambient temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit and below.
3. Vehicles will not be left idling when the operator is out of the vehicle except under the circumstances outlined below.

Section 3. EXCEPTIONS

A) Due to the nature of certain emergency and non-emergency Town operations, the following exceptions will apply to this policy.

1. The operation of emergency response vehicles when responding to an emergency or when standing by in readiness to respond under conditions where weather conditions threaten to delay a response
2. Ambulances which must maintain onboard medication above a specific temperature
3. Vehicles whose batteries may become discharged because of the requirement to operate significant onboard electrical equipment such as emergency lights, radar, computers, etc.
4. Other situations authorized by the Department Heads responsible for the operation when necessary to insure the health and welfare of Town employees or members of the public.

Section 4. ENFORCEMENT

A) Department Heads are responsible for the enforcement of this policy.

Approved this 29th day of October, 2013 by a majority of the North Yarmouth Board of Selectmen.

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