

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY
County of Camden, State of New Jersey
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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING DESIGNATING THE CITY OF
GLOUCESTER CITY AN IDLE-FREE ZONE**

PURPOSE: A vehicle is considered idling when the engine is turned on but the vehicle is not in motion. This practice is not only unnecessary, but also is harmful to the environment and our health. New Jersey has had a no-idling statute for motor vehicles since 1966. This law was updated in 2010 to include a provision that states that, with limited exceptions, *no* motor vehicle may have its engine running if motionless when emitting excessive smoke or other air contaminants. Despite these provisions, idling continues to occur in communities throughout New Jersey.

Ending the practice of vehicle idling reduces the risk of asthma and heart disease and helps improve air quality. In an effort to support all programs and initiatives designed to enhance the quality of life and protect the health and well-being of the residents of the City of Gloucester City, the Mayor and Council, with the adoption of the designated resolution hereby supplies the designation of the City as an "Idle Free Zone" for the purpose of reducing unnecessary gas emissions and exposure to air toxics through the elimination of wasteful vehicle idling.

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the City of Gloucester City has been presented with and reviewed the following facts about the harm motor vehicle emissions cause to the public:

1. emissions from gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to *air* pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates, and
2. a multitude of potentially harmful pollutants that can trigger an asthma attack and other ailments; and
3. asthma is a significant public health concern in New Jersey, especially among children (up to 25% of New Jersey's school-age children are asthmatic) and the elderly; and
4. for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change, with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector; and
5. we can avoid production of greenhouse gas emissions and exposure to air toxics can be avoided by reducing or eliminating wasteful vehicle idling; and
6. petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

7. idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again; and
 - a. idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles; and
8. vehicle idling occurs in locations (e.g., in front and behind school buildings, parking lots, drive-through windows, business centers, etc.) where New Jerseyans can be exposed to air pollutant emissions; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interests of the City residents to take any action to prevent or reduce such harms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY SUPPORTS THE ADOPTION OF A STRONG ANTI-IDLING POLICY BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, BUSINESS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All municipal departments are directed to take all action necessary and reasonable to ensure non-idling of all gasoline and diesel powered motor vehicles particularly at locations such as school drop-off **and** pick up sites, gas stations, parking lots, park spaces, and business centers.
2. The Gloucester City Police Department is hereby directed to enforce existing New Jersey statute N.J.S.A. 39:3-70.2 (Idling and operation of motor vehicles and school buses; emission of smoke and other air contaminants; penalties; exceptions).
3. Maintain municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust and comply with the annual inspection requirement for those vehicles.
4. Promote the widespread use of emission controls in construction contracts (for example, see the "Diesel Emission Controls in Construction Projects: Model Contract Specification" developed by the Northeast Diesel Collaborative).
5. Support broad education of the public about health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling.
6. The City's municipal departments in collaboration with the Gloucester City Green Team, will undertake broad education efforts to communicate the negative impacts of idling on human health and the environment to the public.

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Dayl R. Baile, Mayor

I, Vanessa L. Little, Clerk of Gloucester City, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at their meeting of March 24, 2022, held at 313 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, New Jersey.

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Vanessa L. Little, City Clerk