

SOUTH PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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Title:	Anti-Idling Policy (City of South Portland)	# of pages:	2
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1. **PURPOSE:** To ensure understanding and compliance with the City's Anti-Idling policy.

2. **POLICY:**
ANTI-IDLING POLICY

EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2008

This document amends the previously adopted Municipal Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy. This policy will be effective as of the date above and will supersede all previous Anti-Idling Policies. This policy is designed to eliminate unnecessary idling of municipal vehicles in order to reduce the cost of City operations and to reduce emissions created by City vehicles. A vehicle idling gets zero miles per gallon; unnecessary idling wastes fuels and pollutes the air. Our goal is to reduce use of petroleum products, reduce cost, protect and preserve the natural environment, and improve air quality in the City of South Portland.

It is the policy of the City of South Portland to continually improve the efficient use of vehicle fuels in an effort to reduce operating costs and emissions. City vehicles will not be permitted to idle unnecessarily. Operators of City equipment will adhere to the following standards:

- A. Unnecessary idling is prohibited when the ambient temperature is above 35 degrees F;
- B. Five minute idle time limit when ambient temperature is 32 degrees to 35 degrees F;
- C. Ten minute idle time when the ambient temperature is below 32 degrees F for diesel vehicles and any vehicle in the field to provide heat for safety of the operator. Any vehicle left running for these purposes must be within sight of the operator at all times; and
- D. Five minute idle time when ambient temperature is above 80 degrees F and the operator is in the vehicle for air conditioning.

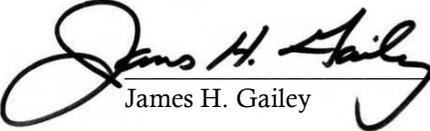
Exceptions:

Due to the emergency nature of some City operations, the following exceptions will apply to this policy:

- A. Emergency response vehicles when responding to an emergency;
- B. Ambulances which must maintain onboard medication at a specific temperature;
- C. Vehicles whose batteries may be discharged because of onboard electrical equipment (i.e. emergency lights, radar, computers etc.);
- D. K-9 or Animal Control vehicles when animals are on-board;
- E. Equipment being used during snow plow operations;

F. City buses when patrons are on-board; and

G. Vehicles that require the engine to run at a certain RPM when using a piece of equipment associated with the vehicle.


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Date: August 1, 2008

3. REFERENCES:

- City of South Portland Anti-Idling Policy

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