

RESOLUTION #2014-237-34

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION'S RESOLUTION  
TO CREATE AN ANTI-IDLING POLICY

**WHEREAS**, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous scientific studies have found links between exposure to fine particles and health effects including premature death, and increased incidents of asthma, allergies, and other breathing disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has classified diesel exhaust as likely to be carcinogenic to humans; and

**WHEREAS**, vehicle idling occurs in locations (e.g. school grounds, parking lots, distribution centers, strip malls, construction sites, businesses, etc.) where residents can be exposed to concentrated sources of air pollutant emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change, with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector; and

**WHEREAS**, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

**WHEREAS**, idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning an engine off and on again; and

**WHEREAS**, current state law prohibits the idling of vehicles for more than three minutes and studies have shown that an anti-idling policy will save fuel, prolong engine life, and improve air quality;

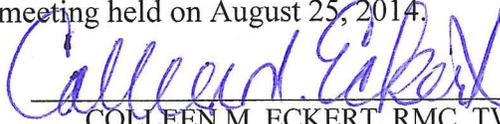
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey supports the adoption of a strong anti-idling policy by government agencies, schools, businesses, and other organizations by:

1. Make enforcing existing violations and penalties under New Jersey's existing no-idling law a priority for all Township Police Officers pursuant to C. 39:3-70.2 and C. 26:2C-1;
2. Encouraging any gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicle to turn off their engines immediately at schools and off-site school related events to minimize exposure of children to vehicle emissions;
3. Maintaining municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust and complying 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); and

5. Supporting broad education of the public about the health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown at a meeting held on August 25, 2014.



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COLLEEN M. ECKERT, RMC, TWP. CLERK

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