



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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REVISIONS:	
ISSUED BY: City Manager	SIGNED: <i>Gregory A. Sundstrom</i>

**SUBJECT: ENGINE IDLE REDUCTION**

**PURPOSE:** To eliminate unnecessary engine idling. Adherence to this policy will extend vehicle and equipment life, reduce pollution, conserve fuel and reduce operational and maintenance costs.

**POLICY:**

**A. GUIDELINES FOR CITY-OWNED VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT**

1. A driver of a vehicle shall turn off the engine upon stopping at a destination where the vehicle will remain stationary for more than one (1) minute.
2. An operator of an off-road piece of equipment shall not allow a piece of equipment to idle in a stationary position more than two (2) consecutive minutes.
3. A driver or operator shall not allow an engine to idle while filling the fuel tank(s).
4. A driver or operator shall not allow an engine to idle for the purposes of warming the vehicle or equipment for personal comfort or completing a pre-trip inspection.
5. A driver or operator shall not leave a vehicle or piece of equipment unattended while idling.

**B. EXEMPTIONS TO ABOVE GUIDELINES**

Idling may be necessary exceeding the above guidelines for the following reasons:

1. For the purpose of operating or maintaining traffic control devices and/or safety equipment.
2. For the operation of tools and equipment to perform work tasks.

3. For maintaining vehicle readiness for an emergency situation or response, such as assisting or responding to an emergency scene or to a law enforcement issue.
4. For traffic conditions over which a driver has no control, including, but not limited to: stopped in a line of traffic, stopped at a railroad crossing, stopped at a construction zone, stopped at the direction of a police officer, etc.
5. For testing, maintenance, repair or diagnostic purposes.
6. For operating the vehicle or equipment because it is not expected to restart due to a known mechanical or electrical problem.
7. For operating the vehicle or equipment defrosters, heaters, air-conditioners, pumps or other equipment to prevent a safety or health emergency and to prevent equipment malfunction.
8. For maintaining vehicle climatic conditions as necessary to not pose a health risk for canines while contained in a police department canine unit.
9. For conformance to published manufacturers recommendations for a specific piece of equipment for engine warm up or cool down.