



Fleet Services Division

Motor Vehicle & Equipment Operational Policies

Title: Vehicle & Equipment Idle Policy
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Background:

Excessive idling and improper operation of vehicles and equipment wastes fuel, creates pollution and causes premature engine wear. It is every City employee's responsibility to minimize fleet operating costs while reducing harmful effects to the environment. The Dallas - Fort Worth area is a federally designated nonattainment area for the pollutant Ozone. Ozone formation can be directly linked to exhaust emissions from vehicles and equipment. Due to rising costs of fuel and the increasing amount of vehicles on the road adding to the region's air quality problems, the following motor vehicle policies will be in effect.

Idle Policy:

All City of Coppell motor vehicle and equipment operators are not to engage in extended idle time. Extended idle time will be defined as any period in excess of 3 minutes. The only blanket exception being emergency vehicles (ambulances, fire apparatus & police patrol units) during the course of their duties and during maintenance & repair operations at the City's Fleet Service facility.

No City fleet vehicle will be parked with the engine running for more than 3 minutes unless it is essential for performance of the job. (Example(s): Idling in order to operate auxiliary equipment, overhead emergency lighting for employee safety.) Idling of vehicles & equipment in order to solely allow for heat and air conditioning, and the idling of vehicles & equipment in excess of 3 minutes during loading and unloading of goods is strictly forbidden

In instances of cold weather warm-up, or manufacturer recommended minimum warm-up times, parameters will be set by the Fleet Services Division on a case-by-case basis.

There are no other exceptions to this policy.