

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK NO IDLING POLICY

It is a known fact that gas and diesel engine vehicle idling causes pollution and contributes to global climate change. Idling just 5 minutes a day puts up to 300 pounds of carbon dioxide and other air toxics into the atmosphere each year. On a daily basis, Americans as a whole may be burning as much as 3.8 million gallons of gasoline from voluntary idling, which, in turn, results in producing about 40,000 tons of carbon dioxide. Given our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and in fact to eliminating our town's contribution to global climate change, the Select Board announces the following policy:

The Select Board recognizes that commercial and utility vehicles are subject to the provisions of state law number 38 M.R.S.A. 585-K and therefore exempt them from dual jeopardy under the Town policy. It is the expectation that Town departments and commercial vehicle businesses will abide by state law.

The Select Board hereby adopts a clean air, no idling policy for non-commercial, private passenger vehicles on public ways and public parking areas given that the procedures and processes listed are followed. We encourage businesses and private individuals to adopt the same policy and procedures on their property. All businesses in Kennebunk where idling traditionally occurs (i.e. banks, drive-up windows, convenience stores, etc.) will be asked to post a "clean air, no idling" sign (or signs) provided by the Town.

- A) An educational program will take place with posters, newspaper articles and educational forums being distributed and held through-out the Town at public events.
- B) Signs will be posted at public locations including, but not limited to, schools, beaches, parks, municipal parking lots and other Town-owned locations.
- C) No unoccupied vehicle shall be left running.
- D) The fact that a non-moving motor vehicle is idling is a violation of this policy. Police and patrol personnel will be given a "user friendly" informational/educational piece to be given to occupants of an idling vehicle with a request to abide by the towns no idling policy.
- E) Exceptions shall be vehicles idling in a congested, traffic jam; idling for a safety or medical emergency; or idling for maintenance, servicing repair or diagnostic purposes.

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