COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Proposed Resolution 20-835 (Deemed Approved October 23, 2014)

20 DCSTAT 4683

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Officially Read June 17, 2014

To approve proposed final regulations to amend the District's regulation controlling engine idling to add an exception for warming buses.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Engine Idling Exception for Warming Buses Approval Resolution of 2014".

Engine Idling Exception for Warming Buses Approval Resolution of 2014

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

- (a) The District Department of the Environment is amending the District's regulation controlling engine idling (20 DCMR § 900.1) to add an exception for warming buses deployed by the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) in the event of a "Cold Emergency Alert."
- (b) Currently, section 900.1 prohibits any vehicle from idling its engine for more than three (3) minutes while the vehicle is parked, stopped, or standing. The regulation provides exceptions for private passenger vehicles, vehicles that are operating power takeoff equipment, and to allow idling for up to five (5) minutes when the temperatures are below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F).
- (c) When the District issues a "Cold Emergency Alert," typically because forecasted temperatures are below fifteen degrees Fahrenheit (15°F), HSEMA deploys warming buses around the District to provide shelter to the District's vulnerable population and protect them from the frigid cold and bracing wind.
- (d) The Department is adding a narrow exception to the engine idling restrictions so that these warming buses can idle in excess of the five (5) minute restriction during extreme cold temperatures and weather conditions in order to protect vulnerable individuals from cold-related death and injury.
- (e) On December 8, 2012, proposed regulations were published in the D.C. Register at 59 DCR 14166. No comments were received at that time; however there were stakeholder requests to extend the comment period. Therefore, on January 18, 2013, the Department published a notice of extended comment period in the D. C. Register at 60 DCR 379. No comments were received by the end of the extended comment period. However, after the comment period, two comments were received, considered, and addressed in the final rulemaking.
- (f) The Department has also specified that priority should be given to clean fuel vehicles or, if those are not available, newer model year vehicles, in order to minimize vehicle emissions.
- (g) The Department has also specified that the buses should be located at least fifty feet (50 ft.) from residential buildings, in order to reduce concerns about odors.
- (h) These amendments were enacted as an emergency rulemaking on February 7, 2014, and an emergency and proposed rulemaking was published in the D.C. Register on February 14,

2014 at 61 DCR 1323. The thirty (30) day comment period expired on March 17, 2014, and no comments were submitted. Therefore, the Department is finalizing this rule as proposed, with the exception of three non-substantive clarifications.

- (i) The unpublished Notice of Final Rulemaking containing the revised regulations has been submitted to Council for approval.
- Sec. 3. Pursuant to section 24(b) of the Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1977, as amended, effective March 16, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-64; D.C. Official Code § 8-1322(b)), the Council approves the rulemaking, "Hazardous Waste Regulations Amendments," as described in section 2(d) and submitted by the Director of the District Department of the Environment. The final rules would amend Chapters 42 and 43 of title 20 (Environment) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement provided by the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the Mayor, the Director of the District Department of the Environment, and the Administrator of the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances.

Sec. 6. Effective date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Proposed Resolution 20-849 (Deemed Approved October 4, 2014)

20 DCSTAT 4685

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Officially Read June 17, 2014

To confirm the reappointment of Ms. Jacqueline D. Bowens to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Statewide Health Coordinating Council Jacqueline D. Bowens Confirmation Resolution of 2014".

Statewide Health Coordinating Council Jacqueline D. Bowens Confirmation Resolution of 2014

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Jacqueline D. Bowens 17307 Avenleigh Drive Ashton, Maryland 20861

as a member, and representative of incorporated associations of health care facilities in the District of Columbia, to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, established by section 4 of the Health Services Planning Program Re-establishment Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-191; D.C. Official Code § 44-403), for a term to end February 11, 2017.

- Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, each to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.
 - Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.