



ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. 2

DATE ADOPTED: AUGUST 9, 2011

SUBJECT: ANTI-IDLING POLICY

Description of Policy Need

To inform Village employees of the need to eliminate unnecessary idling of vehicles in order to reduce the cost of Village operations and to reduce emissions created by Village vehicles. Our goal is to protect and preserve the natural environment, improve air quality in the Village of Deerfield and reduce operating costs due to the increasing cost of fuel. Unnecessary idling of vehicles and equipment wastes fuel and pollutes the environment. Running an engine at low speed (idling) also causes twice the wear on internal parts compared to driving at regular speeds.

Policy

Idling of vehicles consumes approximately 20% of a vehicle's fuel. Effective immediately, unless exempted in the following section, no Village vehicle or piece of equipment is to be idled in a non-emergency situation. The operator of the vehicle/equipment is to turn-off the unit and the keys are to be removed from the ignition.

Exemptions

Idling will be permitted in the following situations:

1. Emergency vehicles at scenes where lights and/or other accessories are needed to accomplish the work.
2. Police vehicles working traffic enforcement details.
3. Public Works and Police vehicles at job sites requiring the use of emergency lights and/or other accessories to accomplish their assignment.
4. When the outside temperature is below 32° F, an engine will be permitted to warm up for 5 minutes.
5. If the outside temperature is below 10° F vehicles will not be subject to idling restrictions.
6. Public Works diesel vehicles during snow and ice control operations.

7. Police vehicles, while officers are performing report writing or other administrative tasks in the field from their vehicles.