

# City of Dallas' Idling Ordinance



To improve air quality in the City of Dallas, Dallas has implemented an Idling Ordinance for motor vehicles weighing more than 14,000 pounds. These vehicles are prohibited from idling for more than five minutes in the City of Dallas. The law is enforced from April 1st to October 31st each year (Ozone Season). City Marshals will be issuing citations to drivers of idling vehicles. The penalty for idling is a fine up to \$500.

There are exceptions. Idling for longer than five minutes is permitted in certain situations which include:

- Traffic conditions;
- Providing a power source necessary for mechanical operation, not including propulsion, and/or passenger compartment heating or air conditioning;
- Maintenance or diagnostic purposes;
- Defrosting a windshield;
- Providing air conditioning or heating necessary for employee health or safety while the employee is using the vehicle to perform an essential job function related to road way construction or maintenance;
- Provide heat or air conditioning for the driver while using the sleeper berth during a federally mandated rest period.

A complete list of exceptions is available at [www.engineoffdallas.com](http://www.engineoffdallas.com)

Rather than idling, there are options to provide A/C and heat that allow the drivers to remain comfortable, while saving money on fuel and reducing emissions from idling.

The options include:

- Automatic Engine Shut Down/Start Up
- Direct Fired Heater
- Auxiliary Power Units/Generator Sets
- Truck Stop Electrification and On-Vehicle Electrification



IdleAire units supply air conditioning, communications, and entertainment services to trucks and eliminate the need for prolonged engine idling.

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Turning off your engine can save you some dough!! The average truck idles over 1,800 hours a year. Reducing idling can reduce costs, fuel consumption, emissions, and engine maintenance .

Reducing diesel emissions improves air quality. Poor air quality can contribute to cancer, heart attacks, cardiovascular disease, emphysema and asthma.

