

The
MAYOR & BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey



Monday, December 9th, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 - 13

Offered By Councilperson **PATRICK**
Seconded By Councilperson **LISOVICZ**

WHEREAS, emission from gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution including greenhouse gases ozone formation fine particulates; **and**,

WHEREAS, numerous scientific studies have found links between exposure to fine particles and health effects including premature death and increased incidents of asthma allergies and other breathing disorders; **and**,

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has classified diesel exhaust as likely to be carcinogenic to humans; **and**,

WHEREAS, vehicle idling occurs in locations (e.g. school grounds parking lots distribution centers, strip malls, construction sites, business centers etc.) where New Jerseyans can be exposed to concentrated sources of air pollution emissions; **and**,

WHEREAS, asthma is a significant public health concern in New Jersey (up to 25% of New Jersey school age children are asthmatic) and the elderly; **and**,

WHEREAS, the reduction of fine particle emissions from diesel engines could also prevent 16,000 new asthma cases annually and save **770** million to **10** billion in health care and related costs in the State; **and**,

WHEREAS, for every gallon of gasoline used the average car produces about **20** pounds of carbon dioxide (**CO2**) the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector; **and**,

WHEREAS, petroleum based gasoline and diesel fuel are non-renewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; **and**,

WHEREAS, idling is not generally beneficial to a vehicle engine because it wears engine parts; **and**,

WHEREAS, current state law prohibits the idling of vehicles for more than three minutes and studies have shown that an anti idling policy will save fuel prolong engine life and improve air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey supports the adoption of a strong anti-idling policy by government agencies schools businesses and other organizations by:

1. Make enforcing existing violations and penalties under New Jersey existing idling law a priority for all municipal police officers pursuant to C:39:3-70.2 and C:26:2C-1.
2. Encouraging any gasoline or diesel powered motor vehicle to turn off their engines immediately at schools and offsite school related events to minimize exposure of children to vehicle emissions.
3. Maintaining municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust and complying with the annual inspection requirement for those vehicles.
4. Promote the widespread use of emission controls in construction contracts.
5. Support broad education of the public about the health environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling.