RESOLUTION NO.  55 - 16

Offered By Councilperson LISOVICZ
Seconded By Councilperson

Anti-Idling Resolution

WHEREAS: point-source emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles are conductive to increasing amounts of air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, carbon particulate buildup and ozone formation; and

WHEREAS: the average vehicle contributes about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) per gallon into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS: the United States transportation sector accounts for one-third of total greenhouse gas emissions, the largest point-source contributor to greenhouse gas induced climate change; and

WHEREAS: exposure to carbon particulates and other greenhouse gases has been proven to have adverse health effects by countless scientific studies. These effects include increased incidents of asthma and other breathing disorders, allergies, and premature death; and

WHEREAS: diesel exhaust has been classified by the United States Environmental Protection agency as a carcinogenic to humans; and

WHEREAS: increased incidents of asthma among children is a growing public health concern in New Jersey, with up to 25% of school-aged children being asthmatic; and

WHEREAS: a reduction of carbon-particulates from gasoline and diesel engines can prevent as many as 16,000 asthma cases annually, with projected annual savings in health care-related costs reaching between $700 million to $10 billion in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS: anti-idling policies have resulted in prolonged engine life, improved air quality, and increased fuel savings; and

WHEREAS: current New Jersey State Law prohibits idling for more than three minutes, and
The
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

WHEREAS: petroleum based fuels (gasoline and diesel) are classified as non-renewable fuels and should be consumed wisely; and