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



Monday, March 28th, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. <u>55 - 16</u>

Offered By Councilperson LISOVICZ

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

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