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## PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

To: Parks and Recreation Staff

From: Connie Edmonston

Parks and Recreation Division Head

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Re: Parks and Recreation Division Vehicle Idling Policy

This policy is adopted for the purpose of reducing unnecessary idling of city vehicles. The benefits of reduced engine idling include reduced fuel use and related costs, reduced vehicle wear, better air quality and a better public image. Your cooperation is necessary for the success of this policy.

## Vehicle Idling Policy:

Idling of vehicles wastes fuel, creates pollution and causes premature engine wear. It is everyone's responsibility to minimize fleet operating costs while reducing harmful effects to the environment. Violators are subject to disciplinary action.

City fleet vehicles will not be parked with the engine running unless it is essential for performance of work and the time period does not exceed 5 minutes. Exceptions include:

- *Initial warm-up period of vehicle.*
- Extreme cold or extreme heat
- Parks and Recreation Crews utilize various equipment that draw power from the electrical system of a vehicle, i.e. light bars, 12 volt pumps, power invertors, radios, etc. This equipment should be utilized in such a way as not to cause the vehicle to become inoperable which, depending on the situation, could require the vehicle to be idling. Idling should only be done when the equipment is being utilized.