



420.105.P Transit Vehicle Idle Policy

Purpose

To protect the health and safety of employees, customers, community, and the environment from diesel and gasoline exhaust and emissions as well as reducing quantity and cost of fuel engine wear and tear.

Scope

This policy covers all employees who work with or in an environment where vehicles and/or other mechanical, gas engine equipment, are required to idle for mid-route layovers, pre-trip inspections, maintenance, mechanical, and servicing or inspection reasons.

All other gas-powered vehicles and equipment, including but not limited to trucks, tractors, forklifts, etc., under the care and control of the contracted transit services for Lawrence Transit are expected to adhere to the idling policy.

Policy Statement

While on route

- Vehicles are not permitted to idle beyond 3 minutes at all layover locations.
- Turbo-diesel heat-up or cool down should not exceed 3 minutes according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- In extreme heat or cold weather conditions, a vehicle may idle for a period of time beyond 3 minutes to adjust the temperature by use of air conditioning or heaters. Lawrence Transit will establish temperature and idle time thresholds for extreme weather days and communicate those in writing to the contracted service provider. Any action taken to allow for idling for longer than 3 minutes will be determined solely by Lawrence Transit.

When engines must be left operating, for any reason other than safety concerns, the operator must remain with the vehicle/equipment.

Exclusions or Special Circumstances

- The use of wheelchair lifts to load or unload special need passenger.
- Use of headlights or 4-way flashers for emergency visibility purposes.
- Other traffic, safety or emergency situations.
- If equipment can run from battery for any of the above, then the driver must refrain from idling unless there is a significant concern of draining the battery in consultation with maintenance staff.

Approval and Version Control



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