

RESOLUTION

No. 18

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, N.J., that

- WHEREAS,** emissions from gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates, and a multiple of potentially harmful pollutants that studies have shown can trigger various respiratory ailments; 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,** the U.S. Argonne National Laboratory estimates that 20 million barrels of diesel fuel are consumed each year by idling long-haul trucks (estimated truck emissions total about 10 million tons of CO₂, 50,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, and 2,000 tons of particulates); and
- WHEREAS,** we can avoid producing unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions and exposure to air toxins by reducing or eliminating wasteful vehicle idling; and
- WHEREAS,** idling is not generally beneficial to a vehicle's engine because it wears engine parts; and
- WHEREAS,** idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again; and
- WHEREAS,** there exist identified idle frequent zones; and
- WHEREAS,** enforcement of New Jersey's existing no-idling code of three minutes would significantly improve public health, air quality, reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Verona supports the adoption of a strong anti-idling policy by governing agencies, schools, business, and other organizations by

- enforcement by municipal Police Officers of NJ's existing no-idling code pursuant to C.39:3-70.2, and C.26:2C-1;
- encouraging any gasoline and/or diesel powered motor vehicle to turn off their engines immediately, especially in idle frequent locations such as schools, drive through windows, gas stations, parking lots, etc.;
- include municipally-owned vehicles in the anti-idling campaign, granting exceptions where safety is a concern, complying with the annual inspection requirements of those vehicles;
- supporting broad education to the public about health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling, such as promoting the widespread use of emission controls in construction contracts.

**I hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true copy of a resolution
adopted by the Township Council
of the Township of Verona, New Jersey
at a meeting held on**

January 20, 2015
Jennifer Klernan, Municipal Clerk

Adopted by Council on January 20, 2015
Date

Jennifer Klernan
Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Manley	✓			
Deputy Mayor Sniatkowski (1)	✓			
Council Members Nochimson (2)	✓			
Ryan	✓			
Sapienza				✓