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SUBJECT: Idling Reduction Policy

As part of Emory's Sustainability Initiatives, we have developed an Idling Reduction Policy for Emory University that provides operating guidelines for Emory University vehicles and all service and delivery vehicles and freight carriers operating on Emory University property.

This policy, designed to reduce unnecessary vehicle idling, is being implemented to protect the health of our community from harmful emissions, improve local air quality, and save money by reducing wasted fuel and wear-and-tear on engines. Here are some interesting facts about the costs and health impacts from idling:

- According to the EPA, idling burns more fuel than starting and stopping an engine. An hour of idling can consume more than a gallon of gasoline, depending on the vehicle.
- Idling an engine causes twice the wear on internal parts, increasing maintenance costs and shortening engine life. Idling can reduce the life of oil in an engine by as much as 75%.
- Diesel exhaust contains more than 40 listed hazardous air pollutants, and can enter buildings through loading docks, air intakes, doors and windows.

Please distribute the attached policy to your staff and vendors and incorporate it into any departmental driving policies. If you have questions about the policy, please contact Ciannat Howett in the Office of Sustainability Initiatives at ciannat.howett@emory.edu or (404) 727-5020.

Emory University Idling Reduction Policy

Emory University has partnered with The Clean Air Campaign on the following policy to improve air quality in our work place.

Purpose

To provide operating guidelines for all Emory University vehicles and service or delivery vehicles and freight carriers to follow while operating on Emory University property.

This policy to reduce unnecessary vehicle idling is being implemented in an effort to:

- ***Protect the health of our community and guests from harmful emissions***
- ***Improve air quality in our community***
- ***Save money by reducing wasted fuel and wear-and-tear on engines***

Policy

Each driver will be responsible for ensuring that the vehicle he or she is operating does not idle unnecessarily. Vehicles should be turned off when parked and should not be restarted until loading or unloading is complete and the vehicle is ready to depart.

All vehicles should turn off their engines when parked and making deliveries.

Exemptions include trailer engines used for the sole purpose of controlling freight temperature, emergency vehicles, and electric vehicles.

Vehicles will be monitored for compliance, and all employees are encouraged to ensure full implementation of this policy.

Enforcement

This policy will be included in the University's parking rules and incorporated into departmental driving policies at Emory University.

Parking officers have the authority to inform drivers of this policy and are required to report idling vehicles to the Transportation and Parking Office.