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Dear Transportation Provider:

New York City's laws and rules regarding vehicle idling adjacent to schools, both public and private, limits vehicle idling to no more than one minute.

Vincent Sapienza, P.E.
Acting Commissioner

May is Asthma Awareness Month. We are asking for your assistance again this year in complying with the requirement of the *New York City Administrative code Title 24, Section 163*.

Michael Gilsonan
Assistant Commissioner
Environmental Compliance

Local Law 5 of 2009; New York City Administrative code Title 24, Section 163:

*(f) No person shall cause or permit the engine of a motor vehicle, other than a legally authorized emergency motor vehicle, to idle **for longer than one minute** if such motor vehicle is adjacent, as determined by rule, to any public school under the jurisdiction of the New York City department of education or to any non-public school that provides educational instruction to students in any grade from pre-kindergarten to the twelfth grade level, while parking as defined in section one hundred twenty-nine of the vehicle and traffic law, standing as defined in section one hundred forty-five of the vehicle and traffic law, or stopping as defined in section one hundred forty-seven of the vehicle and traffic law, unless the engine is used to operate a loading, unloading or processing device, and provided that idling of an engine of a school bus may be permitted to the extent necessary: (1) for mechanical work; (2) to maintain an appropriate temperature for passenger comfort; or (3) in emergency evacuations where necessary to operate wheelchair lifts. It shall be an affirmative defense that any such school was not easily identifiable as a school by signage or otherwise at the time a violation of this subdivision occurred.*

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For purposes of enforcement, the term "adjacent" is defined in 15 RCNY 39-02: *Adjacent to Any Public or Non-Public School. "Adjacent" shall mean on each and every street on which a school is located and has entrances and/or exits to such street. School shall include any building or structure, playground, athletic field or other property that is part of the school.*

During the month of May we will increase enforcement of the One Minute Idling law. We will be issuing warnings and may be issuing summonses that carry a fine of \$350.00.

We have attached flyers in English, Spanish and Chinese, which you may use for your staff and to post in your vehicles.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Gilsonan'.

Michael Gilsonan

TURN IT OFF to Clear the Air

Stop Idling

FACT:

Engine idling in New York City causes as much pollution as nine million large trucks driving from the Bronx to Staten Island. When vehicles idle, the exhaust pollutes the air inside and outside the vehicle.

Your vehicle idles when the engine is on but is not moving. Reducing idling makes the air cleaner for children, especially those travelling to and from schools.

FACT:

New York City has one of the highest asthma rates among children in the country. Children breathe 50% more air per pound than adults. Asthma symptoms increase because of vehicle exhaust.

FACT:

Idling for longer than 10 seconds wastes more fuel than restarting your engine. More than \$28 million in gas is wasted by New York City idlers each year.

DON'T BREAK THE LAW!

Curbside idling is illegal even if you are sitting in your vehicle. The law limits vehicle idling to no more than **ONE** minute when adjacent to a school.

City officials are authorized to enforce the anti-idling law by issuing fines of \$350 or more. Turn off your engine to save gas, money, and most importantly, your health and the health of your children.

May is Asthma Awareness Month, so now is the time to **Turn it Off to Clear the Air.**



Bill de Blasio
Mayor

Vincent Sapienza, P.E.
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APAGUE EL MOTOR DE SU VEHICULO

Purifique el Aire

Evite

la operación de vehículos en punto muerto

HECHO:

En la ciudad de Nueva York los vehículos operando en punto muerto causan igual contaminación que la causada por nueve millones de camiones grandes circulando desde el Bronx hasta Staten Island. Cuando un vehículo es operado en punto muerto, el tubo de escape contamina el aire dentro y alrededor del vehículo.

Su vehículo opera en punto muerto cuando el motor está en marcha pero el vehículo no está en movimiento.

Reducir la operación de vehículos en punto muerto, purifica el aire para los niños, especialmente cuando viajan a las escuelas.

HECHO:

La ciudad de Nueva York tiene una de las tasas más altas de asma entre los niños del país. Los niños respiran 50% más de aire por libra, que los adultos. Los síntomas de asma entre los niños aumentan como resultado de los gases expulsados por el tubo de escape de los vehículos.

HECHO:

Operar un vehículo en punto muerto durante más de 10 segundos gasta más combustible que arrancarlo de nuevo. De hecho, se desperdician más de 28 millones de dólares anuales en combustible en la ciudad de Nueva York por la operación de vehículos en punto muerto.

¡NO VIOLE LA LEY!

operar en punto muerto un vehículo estacionado cerca de la acera es ilegal – aunque usted esté sentado dentro de su vehículo, podría recibir una multa por tener el motor de su vehículo funcionando en punto muerto. Apague el motor de su vehículo para ahorrar combustible y dinero, y por supuesto para no poner en peligro su salud.

Ahora la Ley limita la operación de vehículos en punto muerto, en áreas adyacentes a escuelas públicas o privadas, a no más de UN minuto. Para hacerla cumplir, oficiales de la Ciudad están autorizados a imponer multas de \$350 o más por violaciones de esta Ley.



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關掉引擎 清潔空氣

停止引擎空轉

事實：

在紐約市，因汽車引擎空轉所造成的污染相當於九百萬輛大卡車從布朗士(Bronx)開到史坦頓島(Staten Island)所產生的污染。當你的汽車引擎空轉時，排放的尾氣污染車內及周圍的空氣。當汽車的發動機在運轉，但車輛沒有移動，就是引擎空轉。為了您的孩子，尤其是正在上學或放學途中的孩子，減少引擎空轉讓空氣更清新。

事實：

紐約市是全美國兒童哮喘率最高的地方之一。若按體重的每磅計算，兒童呼吸的空氣要比成人多50%。汽車的尾氣排放導致兒童哮喘症狀增加。

事實：

引擎空轉超過10秒鐘所耗費的燃油多過重新啟動引擎。事實上，紐約市每年因汽車引擎空轉而浪費的汽油總值超過兩千八百萬美元。

不要違法！

路邊停車而讓引擎空轉是違法的- 即使你坐在車內，你也會因引擎空轉而吃罰單。關掉引擎以節省汽油和金錢，而且最重要的是保護您的健康。現行的法律規定，在緊鄰公立或私立學校的地方，車輛引擎空轉不能超過一分鐘。市府官員被授權實施禁止汽車引擎空轉的法規，對違規者處以350美元或以上的罰款。



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