

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-156**

A motion was made by Councilman McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Tamburro that the following resolution be adopted:

**IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF A STRONG  
ANTI-IDLING POLICY IN NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous scientific studies have found links between exposure to fine particles and health effects including premature death, and increased incidents of asthma, allergies, and other breathing disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has classified diesel exhaust as likely to be carcinogenic to humans; and

**WHEREAS**, vehicle idling occurs in locations (e.g. school grounds, parking lots, distribution centers, strip malls, construction sites, business centers, etc.) where New Jerseyans can be exposed to concentrated sources of air pollutant emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, asthma is a significant public health concern in New Jersey, especially among children (up to 25% of New Jersey's school-age children are asthmatic) and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of fine-particle emissions from diesel engines could also prevent 16,000 new asthma cases annually and save \$770 million to \$10 billion in health care and related costs in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change, with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector; and

**WHEREAS**, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; 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 an engine off and on again; and

**WHEREAS**, current state law prohibits the idling of vehicles for more than three minutes and studies have shown that an anti-idling policy will save fuel, prolong engine life, and improve air quality.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey supports the adoption of a strong anti-idling policy by government agencies, schools, businesses, and other organizations by:

1. Make enforcing existing violations and penalties under New Jersey's existing no-idling law a priority pursuant to C. 39:3- 70.2 and C. 26:2C-1;
2. Encouraging any gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicle to turn off their engines immediately at schools and off-site school related events to minimize exposure of children to vehicle emissions;
3. Maintaining municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust and complying with the annual inspection requirement for those vehicles;

4. Promote the widespread use of emission controls in construction contracts (for example, see the “Diesel Emission Controls in Construction Projects: Model Contract Specification” developed by the Northeast Diesel Collaborative); and
5. Supporting broad education of the public about the health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

**NAYS:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2021.**

  
JENNIFER KIERNAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

