

RESOLUTION NO.

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.) and 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 twenty 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

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood, held this 12 day of August, 2009.

Moved Second Ayes Nays Absent Abstain

Aronsohn			X			
Killion		X	X			
Mancuso	X		X			
Zusy			X			
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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 ten (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 Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood, County of Bergen, 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 for all municipal Peace Officers 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-79

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgewood and the Board of Education support both sound environmental policies and clean athletic facilities, fields, and parks; and

WHEREAS, the amount of recyclables left in our garbage containers after athletic competitions and field and park usage is overwhelming our ability to collect and recycle; and

WHEREAS, reducing the amount of waste that is generated is our primary focus; and

WHEREAS, reducing the amount of waste decreases the amount of monies spent on waste collection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Ridgewood and the Board of Education encourage our parks and fields users to utilize reusable containers that they will take with them when they leave the fields and parks; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will engage sports groups, parents, coaches, Health and Physical Education teachers, the Ridgewood Environmental Advisory Committee, Ridgewood Wildscape and other groups interested in cleaner parks and sports facilities to help promote this message; and

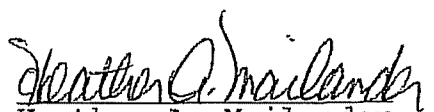
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Ridgewood and the Board of Education emphasize the need to support efforts to reduce and reuse before putting recyclables in recycling containers located on athletic facilities, fields, and parks in an effort to foster sound environmental practices among Village residents and their guests.

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 1 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood, held this 11th day of March, 2009.

Moved Second Ayes Nays Absent Abstain

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