

What is the City of Dallas' Anti-Idling Ordinance?

Motor vehicles that weigh over 14,000 pounds are now prohibited from idling over five minutes in the city of Dallas. The law will be enforced during Ozone Season, April 1st – October 31st of each year.

The purpose of the idling ordinance is to help improve air quality in the City of Dallas.

ENFORCEMENT: City of Dallas Marshals will be issuing citations to drivers of idling vehicles. The Penalty for idling is a fine not to exceed \$500.

[Read the Anti-Idling Ordinance](#)

Vehicles in federal vehicle identification number (VIN) gross vehicle weight classes 4,5,6,7 or 8 weigh over 14,000 pounds, and are subject to the 5-minute idling restrictions unless one or more of the regulation's exceptions apply. See below for the exceptions.



VIN Gross Vehicle Weight Classes

Class 4: 14,001 to 16,000 pounds

Class 5: 16,001 to 19,500 pounds

Class 6: 19,501 to 26,000 pounds

Class 7: 26,001 to 33,000 pounds

Class 8: 33,001 to 150,000 pounds

Vehicle Examples

- Delivery trucks
- Service body trucks, such as heavy-duty utility trucks
- Beverage trucks
- School buses
- Bucket trucks
- Rack trucks
- Tanker trucks
- Tractor-trailer rigs
- Some large motor homes
- Home-fuel trucks
- Garbage trucks
- Tow trucks
- Furniture trucks
- Transit buses
- Inter-city tour buses
- Dump trucks

What are the Exceptions to the Rule?

- Idling for longer than five minutes is permitted if the following circumstances occur:
- The vehicle weighs 14,000 pounds or less;
- The vehicle must remain motionless because of traffic conditions;
- The vehicle is being used by the United States military, including National Guard and Reserve forces; or as an emergency or law enforcement motor vehicle;
- The vehicle is providing a power source necessary for mechanical operation, not including propulsion, and/or passenger compartment heating or air conditioning;
- The vehicle is idling for maintenance or diagnostic purposes;
- The vehicle is idling to defrost a windshield;
- The vehicle is idling to supply heat or air conditioning necessary for passenger comfort/safety in those vehicles intended for commercial passenger transportation or school buses, in which case idling up to a maximum of 30 minutes is allowed;
- The vehicle is idling to provide air conditioning or heating necessary for employee health or safety while the employee is using the vehicle to perform an essential job function related to road construction or maintenance;
- The vehicle is being used as airport ground support or equipment; or
- The vehicle is idling to provide heat or air conditioning for the driver while using the sleeper berth during a federally mandated rest period.