

Idle free text-**DRAFT**

The primary purpose of Section XXXXXXXX is to educate the public on the health and environmental consequences of vehicle idling.

No driver, while operating a vehicle within Sandy City corporate limits, shall cause or permit a vehicle's engine to idle for more than one minute, with exceptions for the following circumstances:

- A. The vehicle is forced to remain motionless on a roadway because of traffic conditions.
- B. The vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle used in an emergency situation.
- C. Vehicle idling is necessary for auxiliary power for law enforcement equipment, fire, emergency and water equipment, refrigeration units, loading and unloading lifts, well drilling, farming, battery charging, or is required for proper functioning of other equipment that is part of the vehicle.
- D. Vehicle idling is necessary for repair or inspection of the vehicle.

E. The health or safety of a driver or passenger, including service animals, requires the vehicle to idle. This exception also includes idling needed to operate window defrosters and other equipment necessary to promote safe driving conditions.

F. Vehicle idling is necessary for efficient operations of a turbo-charged heavy duty vehicle (e.g., buses) or to operate a vehicle within manufacturer's operating requirements. This includes building air pressure in air brake systems, among other requirements. Vehicles idling under these exceptions should not violate Utah State Code, **41-6a-1403**, which prohibits the idling of an unattended vehicle.

**Enforcement:**

The purpose of this subsection is to comply with the requirements imposed by the state legislature in Utah code **41-6a-208**. The intent of this section is to be primarily educational. A person must be issued at least **three (3) warning citations** before a fine may be imposed. The fine shall be a civil penalty of forty dollars (\$40.00) and imposed as set forth in section XXXXX of this chapter. Law enforcement personnel who enforce this section shall follow all Sandy City police policies regarding safety while enforcing this section. This section may only be enforced on public property or on private property that is open to the general public. If the private property owner has a private business that has a drive-through service as a component of the private property owner's business operations this section is only enforceable if the

owner posts a sign provided by or acceptable to the local highway authority informing its customers and the public of the local highway authority's time limit for idling vehicle engines or adopts an idle reduction education policy approved by the local highway authority.