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Legislation Text

File #: 18-044, Version: 3

Agenda Item Title:

Council Member Robinson requesting adoption of Ordinance 18-10 related to idling vehicles.

Presenter:

Council Member Robinson

Description/Background:

This item was initially heard on February 13, 2018. Council Member Robinson requests further Council discussion on a proposed set of code amendments. Draft amendments are attached.

Original (2.13.18) staff report:

The purpose of this agenda item is to begin a conversation of creating areas of Sandy City where vehicle cannot idle. After a brief review, nothing exists in our code that creates such areas.

With the air quality continually being a roller-coaster, many businesses and organizations are beginning to adopt idle free zones in their communities. Organizations are working diligently across the valley to help reduce the emissions in the air we breathe.

Research indicates that the average person idles their car five to ten minutes a day. Cutting idle time makes sense during inversions, because reduced idling also reduces the emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), both precursor gases for the formation of PM2.5 during inversions.

The proposed code addition would create a way for Sandy City to do our part. By restricting vehicles from idling, we can assist with the fight to keep our environment clean.

The proposed code addition would supplement the idling vehicle policy we currently have.

With the approval of this council, I will work with Legal, and Administration to find a policy that works well for our community.

After collaboration with various departments, I will bring back a clean amendment for final council consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

Possible fiscal implications would be signage in public areas.

Further action to be taken:

A final version of proposed code changes will be scheduled for a vote of the City Council.

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Recommended Action and/or Suggested Motion: Motion to approve the development of idle free zones within Sandy City.