

## CHAPTER 8.00 - AUXILIARY SERVICES

### VEHICLE/SCHOOL BUS IDLING

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- I. Applicability. This rule applies to any heavy-duty diesel engine powered motor vehicle, including all school buses, and all gas powered vehicles, commonly referred to as white fleet.
- II. Requirements. Operators of vehicles described in (1) above are prohibited from idling for more than five (5) consecutive minutes. Idling is the continuous operation of a vehicle's main drive engine while the vehicle is stopped.
- III. Exemptions.
  - A. To idling while stopped in traffic conditions over which the driver has no control, including being stopped for an official traffic control device or sign, in a line of traffic, at a railroad crossing, at a construction zone, or at the direction of law enforcement;
  - B. To idling of buses 10 minutes prior to passenger loading and when passengers are onboard if needed for passenger comfort;
  - C. If idling is necessary for a police, fire, ambulance, public safety, or other vehicle being used in an emergency or training capacity;
  - D. If idling is necessary to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition as required by law and that all equipment is in good working order, either as part of a daily vehicle inspection or as otherwise needed, provided that engine idling is mandatory for such verification;
  - E. If idling is necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed, other than transporting goods or people, for example: operating a lift, crane, pump, drill, hoist, mixer, or other auxiliary equipment other than a heater or air conditioner;
  - F. If idling is necessary to operate defrosters, heaters, air conditions, or other equipment to prevent a safety or health emergency, but not solely for the comfort of the driver.

#### STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

#### LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:

403.061, 1001.43, F.S.

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