

Resolution 2024-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN TO ENACT A TOWN-WIDE “NO IDLING” CAMPAIGN AND IMPLEMENT SIGNAGE AT TARGETED AREAS

WHEREAS, New Jersey has had no-idling regulation for diesel-fueled commercial vehicles since 1972 and it was updated in 2009 to include a provision that states that, with limited exception, no motor vehicle (diesel or gasoline fueled) may have its engine running if motionless for more than 3 consecutive minutes. Despite these provisions, idling continues to occur throughout the Township of Middletown (the Township); and

WHEREAS, The practice of car idling is not only unnecessary, but also is harmful to the environment and our health by diminishing air quality, increasing the risk for asthma and heart disease, and can create a noise nuisance.

WHEREAS, the August 2010 *Energy Plan for Middletown Township, Summary of Alternative Energy and Conservation Plan Measures*, recommended the Township implement an education and enforcement campaign to reduce vehicle idling; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to reduce all motor vehicle idling by encouraging all drivers to turn off their engines after 10 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the Township will attain “No Idling” signs from the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection’s “Stop the Soot” Program and place them at to be determined target areas of frequent idling such as school drop off and pick up areas, gas stations, automobile mechanic shops, post offices, etc.

WHEREAS, the Township shall include all municipally-owned vehicles in the anti-idling campaign, granting exceptions spelled out in the state regulation for certain electric vehicles, Department of Public Works and emergency response activities; and

WHEREAS, the Township shall create and promote a broad public education campaign regarding the impacts of idling on public health, the environment, and economic impacts, and way to reduce idling.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Middletown Department of Health, with support from other departments and agencies, will create a “No Idling” outreach campaign.
2. “No Idling” signs will be purchased by the Township for placement at target locations.

3. The “No Idling” Program will be enforced as spelled out in the state regulation and monitored via an annual program evaluation and update.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee Member	Approved	Opposed	Abstain	Absent

CERTIFICATION

I, Heidi R Peiluc, Township Clerk of the Township of Middletown, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Middletown Township Committee at their meeting held _____.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the Township of Middletown this ____ day of _____.

Heidi R Peiluc, Township Clerk