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Purpose:

Jefferson Transit Authority (JTA) is committed to taking an environmental leadership role in reducing both community emissions and JTA fleet emissions. The purpose of this policy is to protect public and employee health by reducing exposure to exhaust fumes, to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and toxic air contaminants, and to lower costs by reducing fuel expenditures and equipment wear. By limiting idling time, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced, thus promoting a healthier work and community environment and the efficient use of JTA resources.

Scope:

This policy applies to all employees operating vehicles and equipment owned by JTA.

Definitions:

Idling

Idling means the operation of a vehicle or equipment while they are not in motion and not being used to operate auxiliary equipment.

Fuels

This includes fossil fuels which include gasoline, bio-diesel, diesel, and propane used to operate vehicles or equipment.

Layover

Layover refers to a stop or break in a trip typically due to scheduling.

Policy:

All Jefferson Transit Employees:

1. Shall not cause or permit gas powered vehicles covered by this policy to idle for more than 60 seconds
2. Shall not cause or permit a diesel-powered vehicle to idle for more than three minutes, except as allowed under policy exemptions.
3. All idling vehicles within these allowed limits must do so away from outside building fresh air intakes, air conditioners, and windows.
4. Shall shut off vehicle engines immediately upon reaching their destination, except as allowed under policy exemptions.
5. Shall not idle solely for the purpose of heating or cooling the inside of the vehicle before operation except as allowed under policy exemptions.
6. Shall remain with the vehicle when engines must be left running unless the vehicle is located in the secured yard at 63 4 Corners.

7. Shall not idle while stopped in traffic for extended periods of time, except as allowed under policy exemptions.

Policy Exemptions

1. For operation of equipment integral to the vehicle (e.g., hydraulic power, lift systems, computer systems, batteries, etc.)
2. Vehicles may idle for the purpose of defogging, defrosting or de-icing windows. Idling must cease when fog, frost, or ice conditions have been cleared.
3. If the outside ambient temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, vehicle may idle long enough to allow for an appropriate temperature to be reached and maintained within the vehicle.
4. If the outside ambient temperature exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, vehicle may idle long enough to cool passengers and ensure safe working conditions.
5. While stopped in traffic for periods of 10 minutes or less.
6. While operating a vehicle with a diesel engine, which requires a 3 minute “cool down” period after running under a heavy load.
7. During initial engine start up and pre-trip inspection period.
8. During the buildup of air pressure for braking and suspension systems.
9. When necessary for servicing, testing, or maintenance.