

RESOLUTION 160 OF 2021

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, PROHIBITING THE IDLING OF LIGHT AND MEDIUM DUTY
VEHICLES FOR MORE THAN TEN MINUTES IN THE CITY OF KINGSTON**

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman Ventura
Morell, Scott-Childress, Hirsch, Tallerman,
Worthington

WHEREAS, it is in the City of Kingston’s best interest to adopt anti-idling legislation more stringent than that of New York State Code.

RESOLVED that the City of Kingston supports the adoption of an anti-idling policy, and;

RESOLVED, that Local Ordinance [#] of 2021 is hereby adopted as follows:

SECTION I.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Chapter 390 of the City of Kingston Code “Vehicles and Traffic” Article VI be amended to add Section [#]: Idling of Motor Vehicles:

- A. Applicability: This section shall apply to all motor vehicles as defined in Article 1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York not currently regulated under New York State Code of Rules and Regulations Subpart 217-3: Idling Prohibition for Heavy Duty Vehicles.
- B. Prohibitions: No person shall allow, cause, or permit the engine of any motor vehicle to run for more than ten consecutive minutes while parking, standing, or stopping in the City of Kingston, as those terms are defined in New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.
- C. Exceptions: The prohibitions of sub-section B shall not be applicable when
 - I. A vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions over which the operator has no control.
 - II. Fire, police, ambulance, or public utility vehicles are performing emergency services.
 - III. A vehicle engine is required to provide power for a necessary auxiliary function, such as loading, discharging, mixing or processing cargo; controlling cargo temperature; running equipment; construction; lumbering ;licensing service; or when operation of the engine is required for maintenance; .

The weather conditions are as follows:

- i. A snow emergency is declared in the City of Kingston
- ii. A heat advisory is declared in the City of Kingston
- iii. The ambient temperature in the City of Kingston is continuously below 25 degrees F (-4 degrees C) for a period exceeding two hours

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Section 390-82 "Penalties for Offenses" Subsection B be amended to include violation: "Idling" with an initial fine of \$20 and a fine of \$40 after 15 days. This will take effect as of January 1, 2022

Submitted to the Mayor this 6th day of

August, 2021



Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this 6th day of

August, 2021



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on August 3, 2021