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Excessive Idling of Vehicles

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There is a major concern that many large vehicles, including tour buses that visit and operate within the District of Columbia may sit idling for long periods of time. This excessive idling emits dangerous exhaust fumes into the District's air, especially during the warmer months.

This Circular is to remind members of Section 2418.3 of Title 18 of the DCMR dated 1995, as amended, states, "No person operating or having control over the engine of a gasoline or diesel powered motor vehicle, the engine of a public vehicle for hire, including buses with a seating capacity of twelve (12) or more persons, shall allow the engine to idle for more than three (3) minutes while the motor vehicle is parked, stopped, or standing, including for the purpose of operating air conditioning equipment in those vehicles, on public or private space except as follows:

- (a) To operate private passenger vehicles;
- (b) To operate power takeoff equipment including, dumping, cement mixers, refrigeration systems, content delivery, winches, or shredders; or
- (c) To idle the engine for five (5) minutes to operate heating equipment when the ambient air temperature is thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F) or below."

Vehicles in violation of Section 2418.3 of Title 18 of the DCMR are subject to a fine of \$500 or other appropriate police actions.

Violators may be issued a Notice of Infraction (NOI) (Parking Violation) for "Excessive Idling; more than (3) min.," (code T626).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nola M. Joyce".

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