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## **Corporate Vehicle Engine Idling Policy No. 04.02.61**

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#### **Section 1 – Purpose:**

This policy aims to reduce unnecessary vehicle engine idling for users of the District of Lake Country corporate vehicle fleet. Vehicle idling is a habit that is costing Canadians millions of dollars a year in wasted fuel and producing unnecessary emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), a greenhouse gas that is a major contributor to climatic change. To make matters worse, vehicle idling also contributes to other environmental problems such as deteriorating air quality and smog, which directly affect the health of our children and other vulnerable members of our community, including seniors and people with respiratory problems.

#### **Section 2 – Requirements:**

- A. No operator of a District of Lake Country vehicle shall permit the engine of that vehicle to idle for more than three (3) consecutive minutes except as provided in Section 3 (Exemptions) of this ordinance.

#### **Section 3 – Exemptions:**

- A. A vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic.
- B. The primary propulsion engine of a vehicle is providing a power source necessary for operations other than propulsion.
- C. The primary propulsion engine of a vehicle is being operated at idle to conform to manufacturer’s warm up and cool down specifications, for maintenance or diagnostic purposes, or by manufacturers engaging the engines in testing for research and development.