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## Year-round enforcement of “No Idling” Ordinance begins in Dallas

**DALLAS** – Starting Tuesday, Nov. 8, the City of Dallas will enforce idling restrictions year-round versus the previous time frame of ozone season (April 1 to Oct. 1). The purpose of the ordinance is to help improve air quality in the city of Dallas. The ordinance prohibits vehicles weighing more than 14,000 pounds from idling for more than five minutes within Dallas city limits. (Armored cars are exempt from the idling restrictions). Violators will be cited for a class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500.

The effects of idling on air quality and public health include:

- Idling from heavy duty trucks releases diesel which contains harmful airborne contaminants.
- Nearly half of North Texas’ air pollution comes from on-road mobile sources (cars, trucks, etc).
- Diesel emissions from heavy duty trucks and buses are a major concern since they comprise approximately 50 percent of NOx emissions (harmful pollutant causing ozone) for on-road sources in our region.
- Diesel emissions from motor vehicles contribute to health problems such as premature death, cancer, heart attacks, cardiovascular disease, emphysema, and asthma.

In an effort to address North Texas’ air quality problems, The Dallas City Council passed the Idling Ordinance in May 2007 to address air quality problems. The ordinance was modified by the Council on Nov. 7, to provide for year-round enforcement and allow vehicles to idle under certain circumstances to provide air conditioning or heating in an armored vehicle. More information on the Idling Ordinance can be found at [www.engineoffdallas.com](http://www.engineoffdallas.com)

The City of Dallas’ Green Dallas initiative is aimed at environmental responsibility and encourages both public and private sector involvement. To learn how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to build a greener Dallas visit [www.GreenDallas.net](http://www.GreenDallas.net).

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