

**CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE  
CITY POLICY**

**NUMBER:  
2020**

**REFERENCE**

**RES. #: 057 – 06**

**ADOPTED BY  
CITY COUNCIL**

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**REFERENCE: Municipal Fleet Anti-Idling Policy**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

1. Municipal fleet vehicles will not idle unnecessarily at any time.
2. This policy applies to all employees who are authorized to operate vehicles and motorized equipment that is owned, leased or rented by the City of Spruce Grove.
3. Due to the varying nature of services provided by the City, some exemptions do apply as to not hinder the deliverance of municipal services. Exemptions to this policy include:
  - a) Assisting on an emergency scene
  - b) Extreme weather conditions (as defined by Provincial Occupational Health and Safety guidelines) where warm up areas other than an appropriately heated vehicle(s) are not available at a remote project or construction site or any other circumstances where health and safety of the employee may be jeopardized
  - c) Where the unit is not expected to restart due to mechanical problems
  - d) When the engine is required to power auxiliary equipment
  - e) Vehicle/equipment maintenance and diagnostic purposes

**Note:**

This policy reflects an assumption that the average vehicle requires only a few minutes to warm up in colder temperatures. Warming up a vehicle out of mechanical necessity is not considered “unnecessary.” Staff are asked to exercise judgment when such cases arise.

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY IS TO:** Stop unnecessary engine idling of fleet vehicles and equipment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote responsible fuel use.