

BOARD POLICIES

Anti-Idling

Category: Operational

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Objective

To eliminate unnecessary idling of vehicles in order to reduce the community's exposure to exhaust from gasoline and diesel engines.

Rationale and Purpose

With its proximity to the Rocky River Middle School, the Rocky River Library parking lot is used for student drop off and pick up. This can result in vehicle idling.

Idling vehicles pollute the air and present several health and environmental hazards. Gasoline and diesel vehicles produce carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx). Carbon monoxide causes respiratory distress and in high concentrations can be lethal; carbon dioxide is a primary contributor to global warming; and VOCs and NOx and form ozone, ground-level smog and impair lung function. In addition, diesel exhaust contains fine particulate matter, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated as a likely carcinogen.

Children, the elderly and chronically ill are all particularly vulnerable to the above health effects because their lung function is respectively still in development decreased or impaired.

Policy

To help reduce the health and environmental effects of vehicle exhaust and decrease our use of fuel by reducing unnecessary idling, the Rocky River Public Library will:

1. Post signs in the parking lot area encouraging waiting vehicles to turn off engines;
2. Establish management practices to discourage idling of Public Library vehicles and delivery vehicles.
3. Communicate and publicize this policy to patrons.