

Resolution No 2011-3

**IDLE FREE RESOLUTION FOR MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH AND DECLARING
SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH TO BE AN IDLE-FREE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicle idling contributes significantly to air pollution, climate change and increased rates of cancer, heart and lung diseases, which adversely affect health; and

WHEREAS, children whose lungs are still developing are at a higher risk because they breathe more rapidly and inhale more pollutants per pound of body weight than adults; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we protect the health and well being of our children who are the future for Summit County; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicle idling significantly affects the natural environment and economic well being of residents, guests and visitors of Summit County; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-based fuels are nonrenewable and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, idling a typical vehicle for longer than ten seconds consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle, resulting in excessive emissions and wasted fuel; and

WHEREAS, every citizen can improve our county's air quality by turning off vehicles whenever we are going to idle more than three minutes; and

WHEREAS, reducing needless vehicle idling is in keeping with Summit County's promotion as an eco-friendly community and its affiliation with ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability); and

WHEREAS, education about idle reduction can raise community awareness, encourage consumers to develop idle free habits, and influence adoption of idle free policies within county governments; and

WHEREAS, The County Council, with support from the Summit County Board of Health, desires to ensure that idling does not occur in idle-frequent locations such as school grounds, parking lots/garages, ski resort premises and business centers; and

WHEREAS, the County Council, with support from the Summit County Board of Health, desires to take a proactive position on air pollution to protect the livability and viability of Summit County and its residents, visitors and guests; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that Summit County residents, guests and visitors reduce vehicle emissions to protect the health, economy and natural environment of Summit County and the surrounding area;

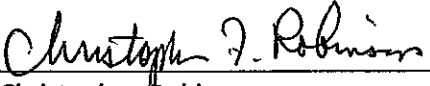
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of Summit County that:

1. **NO IDLING GUIDELINES.** Summit County encourages residents, guests, visitors, County employees and other individuals within the County limits to not exceed a three minute idling time in their gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicles. Exceptions to these idling guidelines include the following:
 - A. The vehicle is forced to remain motionless on a public road because of traffic conditions.
 - B. The vehicle is an emergency vehicle used in an emergency situation.
 - C. Vehicle idling is necessary for auxiliary power for law enforcement equipment, refrigeration units, loading/unloading lifts, well drilling and/or farming.
 - D. Vehicle idling is necessary for repair or inspection of the vehicle.
 - E. The health or safety of a driver or passenger requires the vehicle to idle, including instances where the temperature is below 32 degrees F or above 90 degrees F.

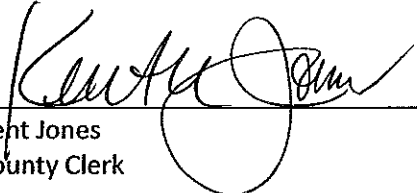
This Resolution is not enforceable by citation or fine. Compliance shall be strictly voluntary.

2. **DECLARATION.** The County Council hereby proclaims Summit County to be an Idle-Free County.
3. **NO IDLING/IDLE-FREE COUNTY SIGNS.** Summit County will partner with Clean Air Utah, businesses, schools, and local communities within Summit County to support the installation of Idle-Free signs and distribution of promotional and educational material.
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the County Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2011.



Christopher Robinson
Summit County Council, Chair



Kent Jones
County Clerk

