THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

POLICY TITLE: Village VEHICLE IDLING POLICY **POLICY #** 5460

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Council to ensure that good air quality is maintained as much as possible within the Village.

POLICY BACKGROUND:

Motor vehicles cause significant carbon emissions that can contribute to poorer air quality. Any reduction in excessive vehicle idling may help mitigate the effect of carbon fuel on air quality. Idling longer than sixty (60) seconds results in increased vehicle maintenance and fuel costs than would have normally occurred if the vehicle were turned off for that period. Idling can produce significant fumes that contribute to poor air quality. While it is very difficult to prevent excessive vehicle idling by the general public, it may be possible to encourage the reduction of excessive idling through public education and awareness. To that ends, it is important for the Village to be seen as setting the example to help encourage public participation and awareness by limiting idling by the Village's vehicle fleet whenever possible.

POLICY GOAL:

It is the goal of this policy to help improve the local air quality by limiting the amount of unnecessary idling by the Village's vehicle fleet.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

1. Village owned vehicles will not idle for more than one (1) minute when in a parked situation.
2. Village vehicles may idle for longer periods of time when the idling is part of normal maintenance related operations.
3. The Village will utilize public education whenever possible to bring awareness to the benefits of limiting unnecessary idling.

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