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City & County of Denver Idling Vehicle Law

TITLE II - REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE  
Chapter 4 - AIR POLLUTION CONTROL  
ARTICLE IV. - MOBILE SOURCES

**Sec. 4-43. - Idling restriction.**

(a) No person shall allow a vehicle to idle for more than five (5) minutes in any one-hour period unless:

- (1) The ambient outside air temperature has been less than twenty (20) degrees Fahrenheit for each hour of the previous twenty-four (24) hour period; or
- (2) The latest hourly ambient outside air temperature is less than ten (10) degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) The idling restriction in subsection (a) shall not apply to emergency vehicles; to vehicles engaged in traffic control operations; to vehicles which are being serviced; to vehicles that must idle to operate auxiliary equipment, including but not limited to pumps, compressors or refrigeration units; or to vehicles en route to a destination that are stopped by traffic congestion.

(c) The idling restriction in subsection (a) applies to transportation vehicles, as defined in this subsection, except that the time during which transportation vehicles are actively loading or discharging passengers may not be included in the computation of the five (5) minutes provided for in subsection 4-43(a). A transportation vehicle shall be defined for purposes of this section to mean motor vehicles designed to transport a minimum of sixteen (16) persons.

(Ord. No. 330-90, 6-4-90; Ord. No. 683-08, § 15, 12-8-08)

**Penalty for Violation of Denver Idling Restriction**

If you are found guilty of violating the City and County of Denver Idling Restriction, you may be assessed a fine of up to \$150 for your first offense and up to \$999 for subsequent offenses, plus additional court fees.