

RESOLUTION NO. 09-R-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, TO EDUCATE CITIZENS ON THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING AND TO DISCOURAGE MOTORISTS FROM UNNECESSARY IDLING.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tallahassee has a longstanding demonstrated record of strong environmental stewardship, and;

**WHEREAS**, in June 2006 Mayor Marks signed The U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement which pledges to reduce carbon dioxide and global warming emissions, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission directed staff to complete an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets, and create an action plan that included an employee education program with anti-idling messages, and;

**WHEREAS**, the greenhouse gas inventory demonstrated that mobile sources contribute more than one-third of the total carbon dioxide emissions for the Tallahassee area, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager's 2009 New Year's Resolution states that Tallahassee will reduce our carbon footprint by five percent by specific actions taken that are within the government control, and by encouraging responsible environmental awareness at the individual citizen level, and;

**WHEREAS**, in August 2009 the City Manager adopted a Municipal Anti-Idling and Fuel Conservation Policy for city government vehicles and equipment, and;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that mobile sources are the primary cause of air pollution in many urban areas and emit carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, air toxics, greenhouse gases, and other air pollutants, and;

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Charlie Crist has made reduction of carbon dioxide a priority of his administration, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has adopted Rule 62-285.420, Florida Administrative Code, which prohibits diesel powered trucks from idling for more than five minutes, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Medical Association not only recommends anti-idling legislation for Florida but for the entire nation, and;

**WHEREAS**, the American Lung Association supports efforts to decrease pollution from mobile sources, and;

**WHEREAS**, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers determined that it takes approximately the same amount of fuel to restart an automobile with a six-cylinder engine as it does to idle for five seconds, and;

**WHEREAS**, unnecessary idling results in excessive emissions, wasted fuel, and a negative impact to the life of a vehicle's engine, and;

**WHEREAS**, many states and municipalities throughout the country have existing anti-idling legislation, or education and outreach programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, that:**

1. The above recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated into the body of this resolution by reference.

2. The City of Tallahassee will develop and implement education and outreach programs to educate citizens regarding the harmful changes to the environment, health impacts to residents, and the wasting of fuel caused by the unnecessary idling of motor vehicles.

3. The City of Tallahassee will discourage motorists and vehicle operators from the unnecessary idling of motor vehicles and equipment.

4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2009.

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
John R. Marks, III  
Mayor

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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