

Protection Chapter 818 Idling Control - Vehicles

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Article 1 - Short Title

818.1.1 Citation

This Chapter may be cited as the "Idling Control By-law."

Article 2 - Interpretation

818.2.1 Idle - defined

"idle" means the operation of the engine of a vehicle while the vehicle is not in motion and not being used to operate auxiliary equipment that is essential to the basic function of the vehicle and "idling" has a corresponding meaning.

818.2.2 City - defined

"City" means The Corporation of the City of Woodstock.

818.2.3 Layover - defined

"layover" means stopping at a point along a transit route for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow a transit vehicle to adjust to service schedules.

818.2.4 Mobile work - defined

"mobile work" means:

- a) a vehicle containing equipment that must be operated inside or in association with the vehicle; or
- b) a vehicle serving as a facility for taking measurements or making observations or conducting maintenance or construction operated by or on behalf of a municipality, public utility or police, fire or ambulance service.

818.2.5 Stopover - defined

"stopover" means a scheduled delay of a maximum of fifteen minutes at a transit vehicle terminal to allow transit vehicles to adjust service schedules.

818.2.6 Transit vehicle - defined

"transit vehicle" means Woodstock transit vehicles, tour buses and motor coaches.

818.2.7 Vehicle - defined

"vehicle" means a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, or road building machine as defined in the *Highway Traffic Act*, and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of non-muscular power but does not include cars or electric or diesel electric railways running exclusively upon rails.

Article 3 - General Provisions

818.3.1 Idling - more than five minutes - prohibited

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle for more than five consecutive minutes. (See Set Fine)

818.3.2 Exceptions - five minutes does not apply

The five minute limitation does not apply to:

- a) police, fire or ambulance vehicles while engaged in operational activities, including training activities except where idling is substantially for the convenience of the operator of the vehicle;
- b) vehicles assisting in an emergency activity;
- c) mobile workshops while they are in the course of being used for their basic function;

- d) vehicles where idling is required as part of the repair process or to prepare a vehicle for servicing;
- e) armoured vehicles where a person remains inside the vehicle while guarding the contents of the vehicle or while the vehicle is being loaded or unloaded;
- f) vehicles that remain motionless because of an emergency, traffic or weather conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the driver has no control;
- g) vehicles engaged in a parade or race or any other such event authorized by Council;
- h) transit and passenger vehicles while passengers are embarking or disembarking en route or at terminals;
- i) transit vehicles while at a layover or stopover location, except where the idling is substantially for the convenience of the operator of the vehicle;
- j) vehicles transporting a person where a medical doctor certifies in writing that for medical reasons, the person requires the temperature or humidity be maintained within a certain range;
- k) vehicles when the ambient outside temperature is more than 27 Celsius or less than 5 Celsius.

Article 4 - Enforcement

818.4.1 Fine - for contravention

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Chapter is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

818.4.2 Continuation - repetition - prohibited by order

The court, in which a conviction has been entered, and any other court of competent jurisdiction thereafter, may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted and such order shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted.

Article 5 - Enactment

818.5.1 Effective date

The by-law upon which this Chapter is founded came into force and took effect upon the final passing thereof. By-law 7662-00, June 1, 2000.