

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING CODE OF PARK CITY, UTAH,  
AMENDING SECTION 9-10-03 ANTI-IDLING**

WHEREAS, Park City has committed to be a net-zero carbon community by 2030; and

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are a significant portion of the community carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicle idling contribute significantly to air pollution, climate change and increased rates of cancer and heart and lung diseases which adversely affect the health, natural environment and economic well being of residents, guests and visitors of Park City; 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, Park City Municipal Code, 9-8-3, already provides that no delivery vehicle parked on Main Street or Swede Alley shall be parked with its engine left idling; and

WHEREAS, reducing needless vehicle idling is in keeping with Park City's affiliation with ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability); and

WHEREAS, the City Council 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 City Council desires to take a proactive position on air pollution to protect the livability and viability of Park City and its residents, visitors and guests; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Park City, Utah that:

1. UPDATE TO PARKING CODE 9-10-03

2. IDLING ORDINANCE. Park City prohibits residents, guests, visitors, town employees and other individuals within City limits from exceeding a one 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.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

  
Andy Beerman, Mayor

Attest:

  
Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder



Approved as to form:

  
Margaret Plane, Special Counsel

**Exhibits**

Exhibit 1 – LMC § 9-10

### **Municipal Code 9-10-1 No Idling**

No driver, while operating a vehicle within Park City corporate limits, shall cause or permit a vehicle's engine to idle for more than one minute, with exceptions for the following circumstances.

- A. The vehicle is forced to remain motionless on a roadway because of traffic conditions.
- B. The vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle used in an emergency situation.
- C. Vehicle idling is necessary for auxiliary power for law enforcement equipment, fire, emergency and water equipment, refrigeration units, loading and unloading lifts, well drilling, farming, battery charging, or is required for proper functioning of other equipment that is part of the vehicle.
- D. Vehicle idling is necessary for repair or inspection of the vehicle.
- E. The health or safety of a driver or passenger, including service animals, requires the vehicle to idle. This exception also includes idling needed to operate ~~window defrosters and other~~ equipment necessary to promote safe driving conditions.
- F. Vehicle idling is necessary for efficient operations of a turbo-charged heavy duty vehicle (e.g., buses) or to operate a vehicle within manufacturer's operating requirements. This includes building air pressure in air brake systems, among other requirements.

Vehicles idling under these exceptions should not violate Utah State Code, 41-6a-1403, which prohibits the idling of an unattended vehicle.

### **9-10-2 Idling On Public And Private Property**

Section 9-10-1 may only be enforced when the idling vehicle is found on:

- A. Public property, or
- B. Private property that is open to the public unless the private property owner:
  - 1. Has a private business that has a drive-through service as a component of the private property owner's business operation and posts a sign provided by or acceptable to Park City informing its customers and the public of Park City's time limit of one minute for idling vehicle engines; or
  - 2. Adopts an idle reduction education policy approved by Park City and posts signage.

### **9-10-3 Safety Of Law Enforcement Officers**

Section 9-10-1 shall be enforced in such a manner as to provide for the utmost safety of the law enforcement officers or designees who enforce it. After receiving ~~three~~ **one** warning citations, violators shall pay a penalty in an amount set forth for general parking violations in the Fee Resolution.