

Transportation and Air Quality

Measure 37 – Government No Idling Policy

5 Points

Adopt a no-idling policy for local government vehicles.

Discussion:

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners on February 24, 2009, adopted a No-Idling Policy for the County's fleet of cars and equipment as part of a larger Cobb County Sustainable Practices Policy. The intent is to (1) reduce air pollution, (2) reduce energy use and (3) cause less wear on all equipment.

Prior to adoption of the new policy, all drivers of County equipment have been required to sign the "Cobb County Vehicle/Equipment Fueling Policy Statement" which provides that "unattended vehicles shall not be left idling at any time (except for emergency public safety vehicles." The new policy clarifies and reinforces the intent of this earlier policy.

In addition to instructing vehicle users to abide by the no-idling policy, the County's Fleet Management Division has had for some time a policy of no or restricted idling of equipment at the garage for evaluation or repair.

Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application. The first two documents referenced below are included under Measure 1 – LEED Construction. The fuel policy and SOP are included with this measure.

- The Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy that includes the County No-Idling Policy. (See Item IV.)
- The Board of Commissioners agenda item of February 24, 2009 adopting the Policy
- Copy of referenced fuel policy statement required to be signed by all employees approved to drive county vehicles. The no-idling requirement is included in the Safety procedures
- Copy of original Fleet Management Standard Operating Procedure # 2007 -05, Vehicle Idling, issued January 19, 2007.