

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG

BY-LAW NUMBER 43-20

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**BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE IDLING  
OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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**WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes municipalities to regulate activities for the health, safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the municipality:

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Scugog is supportive of strategies to reduce emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG Enacts As Follows:**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

- a) "Idle" means the operation of the engine of a motor vehicle, while the motor vehicle is not in motion and not being used to operate auxiliary equipment that is essential to the basic function of the motor vehicle, and "idling" shall have a similar meaning;
  - b) "Motor Vehicle" means a Motor Vehicle as defined by the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 except that "Motor Vehicle" also includes recreation vehicles including but not limited to: a motorized snow vehicle, an all-terrain vehicle, a mobile workshop, a power-assisted bicycle, a motorized watercraft and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power;
  - c) "Officer" means a provincial offences officer or municipal law enforcement officer of the Township, or any other person appointed by or under the authority of a Township by-law to enforce this By-law, and shall include a police officer.
2. **THAT** this by-law applies to all Idling within the Township of Scugog unless specifically exempted by this by-law or by statute or regulation.
  3. **THAT** no person shall cause or permit a Motor Vehicle to idle for more than two (2) consecutive minutes in a sixty (60) minute period.
  4. **THAT** Section 3 does not apply to:
    - a) Police, Fire, Ambulance, or Township of Scugog Motor Vehicles, while engaged in operational activities, including training activities;
    - b) Motor Vehicles assisting in an emergency activity; except where the idling is substantially for the convenience of the operator of the vehicle;
    - c) Agricultural vehicles while they are in the course of being used for their basic function; or following warm up and/or cool down procedures related to diesel engines;
    - d) Mobile workshops while they are in the course of being used for their basic function;
    - e) Idling that is necessary for the Motor Vehicle's maintenance or repair;

- f) Armoured vehicles while engaged in, and for which Idling is required for, the provision of armoured vehicle services.
  - g) Motor Vehicles that remain motionless because of emergency, traffic or weather conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator of the vehicle or boats has no control;
  - h) Motor Vehicles engaged in a parade, a race or any other event authorized by the Township of Scugog;
  - 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) Motor Vehicles when the ambient outside temperature is more than 27°C or less than minus 5°C and idling of the vehicle is necessary to the operation of air conditioning or heating equipment;
  - k) Motor Vehicles transporting a person where a medical doctor certifies in writing for medical reasons, the person requires the temperature or humidity to be maintained within a certain range and idling the vehicle is necessary to achieve that temperature or humidity level.
  - l) Motor Vehicles while engaged in, and for which Idling is required for, the provision of construction activities;
  - m) Motor Vehicles using heating or refrigeration systems powered by the vehicle's engine for the preservation of perishable cargo;
5. **THAT** every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-Law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty, as prescribed by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, as amended.
6. **THAT** the provisions of this By-law may be enforced by an Officer.
7. **THAT** this by-law may be cited as the "Anti-Idling By-law".
8. **THAT** this by-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of passing.

READ a First, Second and Third time and finally passed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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MAYOR, Roberta A. Drew

  
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CLERK, John Paul Newman