

# COMPENDIUM OF IDLING REGULATIONS



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STATE	MAXIMUM IDLING TIME	EXEMPTIONS
<p><b>AZ</b> Maricopa County</p>	<p>5 minutes (30 min. for bus passenger comfort or 60/90 min. if greater than 75° F) Fines: \$100 — 1st; \$300 — 2nd+ violations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic or adverse weather conditions</li> <li>- Emergency or law enforcement purposes</li> <li>- Power takeoff involving cargo or work functions</li> <li>- Conform to manufacturer's specifications</li> <li>- Maintenance or diagnostics</li> <li>- Hours of Service compliance</li> </ul>
<p><b>CA</b></p>	<p>5 minutes Fines: Minimum \$300, Subsequent penalties can range from \$1,000 to \$10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bus passengers are onboard or 10 minutes prior to boarding</li> <li>- Traffic conditions</li> <li>- Queuing beyond 100' of residential</li> <li>- Adverse weather conditions or mechanical difficulties</li> <li>- Vehicle safety inspection</li> <li>- Service or repair</li> <li>- Power takeoff involving cargo or work functions</li> <li>- Prevent safety or health emergency</li> <li>- Emergency vehicles</li> <li>- California low-NOx idling label</li> </ul>
<p><b>CA</b> City of Sacramento</p>	<p>5 minutes (prohibits refrigeration unit operation within 100' of residential or school unless loading/unloading) Fines: Not &lt;\$100 nor &gt;\$25,000 per violation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic conditions/control</li> <li>- Vehicle safety inspection</li> <li>- Service or repair</li> <li>- Conform to manufacturer's specifications</li> <li>- Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions</li> <li>- Prevent safety or health emergency</li> <li>- Hours of service compliance at truck/rest stop</li> <li>- To recharge hybrid electric vehicles - California low-NOx idling label</li> </ul>
<p><b>CA</b> Placer County</p>	<p>5 minutes (prohibits refrigeration unit operation within 100' of residential or school unless loading/unloading) Fines: \$50 Minimum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic conditions/control</li> <li>- Vehicle safety inspection</li> <li>- Service or repair</li> <li>- Conform to manufacturer's specifications</li> <li>- Power takeoffs involving cargo to work functions</li> <li>- Prevent safety or health emergency</li> <li>- Hours of service compliance at truck/rest stops</li> <li>- To recharge hybrid electric vehicles</li> <li>- Operate intermittent equipment</li> <li>- Alternative fueled vehicles</li> <li>- Attainment areas</li> <li>- California low-NOx idling label</li> </ul>

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<p><b>CO</b> City of Aspen</p>	<p>5 minutes within any 1 hour period Fines: \$1,000 max. and/or 1 yr. imprisonment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety reasons</li> <li>- To achieve an engine temperature of 120°F and an air pressure of 100 lbs/in<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>CO</b> City &amp; County of Denver</p>	<p>5 minutes in any 1 hr period (No limit: less than 20°F for previous 24-hour period or less than 10°F) Fines: Not &gt;\$999 and/or 1 yr. imprisonment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emergency vehicles</li> <li>- Traffic conditions</li> <li>- Being serviced</li> <li>- Auxiliary equipment</li> </ul>
<p><b>CO</b> Vail</p>	<p>20 minutes (No idling if left unattended when in Lionshead or commercial core, except for refrigeration vehicles) Fines: Not &gt;\$999 and/or 180 days imprisonment (VTC §1-4-1(A))</p>	
<p><b>CT</b></p>	<p>3 minutes Fines: Not &gt;\$5,000 per wk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties</li> <li>- Ensure safety or health of driver/passengers</li> <li>- Auxiliary equipment</li> <li>- Conform to manufacturer's specifications</li> <li>- Less than 20°F</li> <li>- Maintenance</li> <li>- Queuing to access military installations</li> </ul>
<p><b>DE</b></p>	<p>3 minutes (15 minutes 32°F to -10°F; no limit: less than -10°F) Fines: \$50-500 per offense</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties</li> <li>- Conform to manufacturer's specifications</li> <li>- Repair</li> <li>- Emergency vehicles</li> <li>- Using auxiliary equipment/power takeoff</li> <li>- Power during sleep or resting beyond 25 miles of truck stop with available electrified equipment</li> <li>- Vehicle safety inspections</li> </ul>
<p><b>D.C.</b></p>	<p>3 minutes (5 Minutes if less than 32°F) Fines: \$500, doubles for each subsequent violation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power takeoff</li> </ul>
<p><b>GA</b> City of Atlanta</p>	<p>15 minutes (25 minutes if less than 32°F for passenger comfort/safety) Fines: \$500 minimum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To perform needed work</li> <li>- Traffic conditions</li> <li>- Natural gas or electrical vehicles</li> </ul>

## STATE

## MAXIMUM IDLING TIME

## EXEMPTIONS

### IL

Cities: Aux Sable,  
Goose Lake,  
Oswego

Counties: Cook,  
DuPage, Lake,  
Kane, McHenry,  
Will, Madison, St.  
Claire,

10 minutes within any 60 minute period  
(30 min. within any 60 min. period: waiting to weigh,  
load or unload freight; no limit: less than 32°F or  
greater than 80°F)  
Fines: \$90 – 1st; \$150 – 2nd & subsequent convictions  
in 12 month period

- Less than 8,000 lbs. GVWR
- Traffic conditions/controls
- Prevent a safety or health emergency
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Service or repair
- Government inspection
- Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
- Resting in a sleeper berth
- Mechanical difficulties
- Queuing
- Idle reduction technologies

### IL

Chicago

3 minutes in any 60-minute period  
(No limit: <32° F or >80° F)  
Fines: \$250

- Emergency vehicles
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Service or repair or government inspection
- Traffic conditions
- Idle reduction technologies
- Mechanical difficulties
- Exhaust filter regeneration

### MA

5 minutes  
Fines: Not >\$100 – 1st; Not >\$500 for each succeeding  
offense

- Being serviced
- Delivery for which power is needed & alternatives  
unavailable
- Associate power needed & alternatives unavailable

### MD

5 minutes  
Fines: Not >\$500

- Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
- Heating, cooling, or auxiliary equipment
- Conform to manufacturer's specifications
- Accomplish intended use

### ME

5 minutes in any 1 hour period  
(No limit: < 0° F;  
15 min/hr: 0° - 32° F)  
Fines: \$25 - \$500 – 1st offense; \$150 - \$500 for each  
subsequent offense  
(MRSA §585-K(5))

- Traffic conditions
- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Maintenance, servicing, repairing, or diagnostic purposes
- State or federal inspections
- Power work-related operations
- Sleeper berth a/c or heat during rest or sleep periods
- A/C or heat while waiting to load/unload
- Mechanical difficulties if receipt of repair is submitted  
w/in 30 days

### MI

Detroit

5 consecutive minutes in any 60-minute period Fines:  
1st = Warning; 2nd = \$150 to operator and/or \$500 to  
owner

- Traffic conditions
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Emergency vehicles
- Motionless for >2 hours & <25° F
- State inspections
- Hybrid vehicle recharging
- Electric, hydrogen or natural gas powered vehicles

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### MN

Minneapolis

5 minutes in any 60-minute period  
(15 minutes in any 60-minute period to maintain bus passenger comfort)  
Fines: \$700 maximum and/or 90 days imprisonment

- Traffic conditions/controls
- To prevent a safety or health emergency
- Emergency purposes
- Maintenance or diagnostics
- Vehicle inspection
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Occupied armored vehicles
- A/C or heat during sleep or rest period or waiting to load/unload
- Mechanical difficulties

### MN

City of Owatonna

15 minutes each 5 hours in residential areas  
Fines: \$1,000 maximum and/ or 90 days imprisonment

### MO

Counties: Clay,  
Franklin, Jackson,  
Jefferson, Platte,  
St. Charles, St.  
Louis

5 minutes in any hour  
(30 minutes/hour when waiting to load/unload)  
Fines: TBD

- Traffic conditions/controls
- Prevent safety/health emergency
- Emergency purposes
- Maintenance/repair
- State or federal inspections
- Power work-related operations
- During government-mandated rest periods
- Mechanical difficulties
- Auxiliary power units

### MO

City of St. Louis

5 minutes in any hour  
(10 minutes if < 32° F)  
Fines: Up to \$100

- Emergency vehicles
- Transporting special needs persons
- Power for auxiliary purposes
- Traffic or adverse weather conditions
- Repair or diagnostics
- Engaged in the delivery of goods

### MO

St. Louis County

3 consecutive minutes  
Fines: Maximum \$1,000 and/or 1 year imprisonment

- Operating a loading, unloading, or processing device
- Emergency vehicles

### NC

5 consecutive minutes in any 60-minute period Fines:  
TBD

- Traffic conditions/controls
- Emergency vehicles
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Manufacturer's recommendations
- Auxiliary power units
- California low-NOx idling label
- Safety or health emergency
- Heavy-duty farm vehicles

STATE	MAXIMUM IDLING TIME	EXEMPTIONS
<p><b>NV</b></p>	<p>15 minutes            Fines: Not &lt;\$100 nor &gt;\$500 - 1st; Not &lt;\$500 nor &gt;\$1,000 - 2nd; Not &lt;\$1,000 nor &gt;\$1,500 - 3rd; Not &lt;\$1,500 nor &gt;\$2,500 - 4th and subsequent offenses over a 3 yr. period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Variance has been issued</li> <li>- Emergency vehicles</li> <li>- Snow removal equipment</li> <li>- Repair or maintain other vehicles</li> <li>- Traffic congestion</li> <li>- Maintenance at repair facility</li> <li>- Emission contained &amp; treated per commission</li> <li>- To perform specific task</li> </ul>
<p><b>NV</b>            Clark County            (including Las Vegas)</p>	<p>15 minutes            Fines: Not &gt;\$10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Variance has been issued</li> <li>- Emergency vehicles</li> <li>- Repair or maintain other vehicles</li> <li>- Traffic congestion</li> <li>- Emission contained &amp; treated per control officer</li> <li>- To perform a specific task</li> <li>- Maintenance at repair facility</li> </ul>
<p><b>NV</b>            Washoe County            (including Reno)</p>	<p>15 minutes            Fines: Not &gt;\$250 - 1st; Not &lt;\$250 nor &gt;\$500 - 2nd and subsequent offenses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emergency vehicles</li> <li>- Snow removal equipment</li> <li>- Repair or maintain other vehicles</li> <li>- Traveling on public right-of-way</li> <li>- To perform specific task</li> <li>- Maintenance at repair facility</li> </ul>
<p><b>NH</b></p>	<p>5 minutes if greater than 32°F            (15 Minutes: 32°F to -10°F;            No limit: less than -10°F)            Fines: TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic conditions</li> <li>- Emergency vehicles</li> <li>- Power takeoff or heat/cool passengers</li> <li>- Maintenance or diagnostics</li> <li>- Defrost windshield</li> </ul>
<p><b>NJ</b></p>	<p>3 minutes            (15 min. if stopped for ≥ 3 hrs. &amp; &lt; 25° F)            Fines: For commercial vehicle and property owner, \$250 for 1st, \$500 for 2nd, \$1,000 for 3rd and each subsequent violation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic conditions</li> <li>- Mechanical operations</li> <li>- Waiting or being inspected</li> <li>- Performing emergency services</li> <li>- Being repaired or serviced</li> <li>- Auxiliary power unit/generator set, bunk heaters, etc.</li> <li>- Sleeper berth with 2007 or newer engine or diesel particulate filter</li> </ul>
<p><b>NC</b></p>	<p>5 consecutive minutes in any 60-minute period            Fines: TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Traffic conditions/controls</li> <li>-Emergency vehicles</li> <li>-Power auxiliary equipment</li> <li>-Manufacturer's recommendations</li> <li>-Auxiliary power units</li> <li>-California low-NOx idling label</li> <li>-Safety or health emergency</li> <li>-Heavy-duty farm vehicles</li> </ul>

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## EXEMPTIONS

### NY

5 minutes

Fines: Not <\$375 nor >\$15,000 - 1st; Not >\$22,500 - 2nd and subsequent offenses

- Traffic conditions
- Comply with passenger comfort laws
- Auxiliary power or maintenance
- Emergency vehicles
- Within mines or quarries
- Parked for more than 2 hrs & less than 25°F
- State Inspections
- Recharging hybrid electric vehicles
- Farm vehicles
- Electric vehicles

### NY

New York City

3 minutes

(1-minute if adjacent to a public school)

Fines: Not <\$50 nor >\$500 and/or imprisonment for 20 days -- 1st; Not <\$100 nor >\$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not > 30 days -- 2nd; Not <\$400 nor >\$5,000 and/or imprisonment for not >4 months -- 3rd and subsequent offenses

- Emergency vehicles
- Operate loading, unloading, or processing device

### NY

New Rochelle

5 minutes

Fines: Not >\$50 and/or

15 days imprisonment – 1st; Not >\$100 and/or 45 days imprisonment – 2nd; Not >\$250 and/or 90 days imprisonment – 3rd and subsequent offenses within 18 months

- Traffic conditions
- Comply with passenger comfort laws
- Auxiliary power or maintenance
- Emergency vehicles
- Within mines or quarries
- Parked for more than 2 hrs & less than 25° F
- State Inspections
- Recharging hybrid electric vehicles
- Farm vehicles
- Electric vehicles

### NY

Rockland County

3 consecutive minutes

Fines: Not >\$250 and/or 15 days imprisonment for 1st; not >\$1,000 and/or 15 days imprisonment for 2nd & subsequent offenses

- Traffic conditions
- Comply with passenger comfort laws
- Power for auxiliary purposes
- Maintenance
- Performing emergency services

### OH

Cleveland

5 minutes in any 60-minute period

(10 minutes/hour at loading docks/areas or if <32° F or >85° F)

Fines: \$150

- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Traffic conditions/controls
- Emergency vehicles
- Service or repair
- Vehicle safety inspection
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth
- Mechanical difficulties
- Idle reduction technologies

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### OH

Maple Heights

5 minutes in any 60-minute period  
(10 minutes/hour at loading docks/areas or if <32° F or >85° F)  
Fines: \$150

- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Traffic conditions/controls
- Emergency vehicles
- Service or repair
- Vehicle safety inspection
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth
- Mechanical difficulties
- Idle reduction technologies

### OH

South Euclid

0 minutes  
(20 min./hr: Loading/ unloading;  
No limit: <32° F or >85° F)  
Fines: \$50 – 1st conviction  
\$150 – 2nd & subsequent conviction in 12-month pd.

- Traffic conditions/controls
- Prevent safety or health hazard
- Emergency vehicles
- Service or repair
- Vehicle safety inspection
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth
- Mechanical difficulties
- Idle reduction technologies
- Queuing

### OR

5 minutes in any 60-minute period (30 minutes while waiting to or during load/unload)  
Fine: Not >\$180

- Idle reduction technology
- Cargo temperature control
- Traffic conditions/controls
- Mechanical difficulties
- Manufacturers specifications
- Safety regulations
- Emergency purposes
- Maintenance/repairs
- Exhaust filter regeneration
- State or federal inspections
- Power work-related functions
- For A/C or heat during rest/sleep periods or loading/unloading if <50 F or >75F

### OR

Ashland

5 minutes  
Fine: Not >\$500 or 60 days imprisonment (AMC §1.08.010)

- Traffic conditions
- Power equipment to load or unload
- Emergency, utility, construction and maintenance vehicles to power work-related functions

### PA

Alleghany County

5 minutes  
(20 min/hr if less than 40° F or more than 75° F)  
Fines: Warning -- 1st; \$100 -- 2nd; \$500 -- 3rd and subsequent offenses

- Traffic conditions
- Boarding & discharging passengers
- Queuing
- Cool down/warm up per manufacturer's recommendations
- Sleeping/resting in truck
- Safety inspections
- Ensure safe operations
- Emergency vehicles
- Power accessory or service equipment
- Repair or diagnostics

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### PA

City of Philadelphia

2 minutes or 0 minutes for layovers  
(5 min. if less than 32°F; 20 min. if less than 20°F)  
Fines: \$300

### PA

5 minutes in any 1 hour period  
(15 min/hr if sampling, weighing, loading or unloading)  
Fines: \$150 - \$300 per offense (plus civil penalties up to \$1,000)

- Traffic conditions
- Prevent safety or health emergencies
- Comply with manufacturer's specifications
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Maintenance or repair
- Government or security inspections
- Power work-related operations
- Mechanical difficulties
- Vehicles with CARB low-NOx idle labels

### RI

5 minutes in any 1 hour period  
(No limit: < 0° F; 15 min./hr between 0° and 32° F)  
Fines: Not >\$100 – 1st offense; Not >\$500 for each succeeding offense

- Traffic conditions
- Ensure health or safety of driver/ passengers
- Power work-related operations
- Maintenance, servicing, repairing, or diagnostic purposes
- State or federal inspections
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Auxiliary power unit/generator set

### SC

10 minutes in any 1 hour period  
Fines: \$75 for each offense  
(SCCL §56-35-40)

- Traffic conditions
- Prevent safety or health emergency
- Emergency or law enforcement purposes
- Maintenance, servicing, repairing, or diagnostic purposes
- State or federal inspections
- Power work-related operations
- Sleeper berth a/c or heat during (a) rest or sleep periods; (b) <40° F or >80° F; or (c) at rest areas, terminals, truck stops, or legal parking locations >500' from homes or schools
- While waiting to load/unload

### TX

Arlington, Austin, Bastrop, Benbrook, Cedar Hill, Celina, Colleyville, Dallas, Duncanville, Elgin, Euless, Fort Worth, Georgetown, Hurst, Hutto, Keene, Lake Worth, Lancaster, Little Elm, Lockhart, Luling, Mabank, McKinney, Mesquite, North Richland Hills, Pecan Hill, Richardson, Round Rock, Rowlett, San Marcos, University Park, Venus, Westlake

5 minutes  
(30 min. for bus passenger comfort or transit operations)  
Fines: Varies by jurisdiction

- 14,000 lbs GVW or less
- Traffic conditions
- Emergency or law enforcement
- To perform needed work
- Maintenance or diagnostics
- Defrost windshield
- Airport ground support
- Rented/leased vehicles
- Owners of rented/leased vehicles \*Certified low-NOx idling engine - Hours of Service compliance beyond 2 miles of an available external heat or a/c connection

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### TX

Counties: Bastrop, Caldwell, Collin, Dallas Co., Hays, Kaufman, Tarrant, Travis, Williamson

5 minutes  
(30 min. for bus passenger comfort or transit operations)  
Fines: Varies by jurisdiction

- 14,000 lbs GVW or less
- Traffic conditions
- Emergency or law enforcement
- To perform needed work
- Maintenance or diagnostics
- Defrost windshield
- Airport ground support
- Rented/leased vehicles
- Owners of rented/leased vehicles \* Certified low-NOx idling engine - Hours of Service compliance beyond 2 miles of an available external heat or a/c connection

### UT

Park City

3 minutes  
Fines:  
Warnings – 1st – 3rd offenses;  
\$30 - \$110 – 4th & subsequent offenses

- Traffic conditions
- Emergency situations
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Repair or inspection
- Health or safety
- Manufacturers' specifications

### UT

Salt Lake City

2 minutes Fines: Warnings – 1st – 3rd offenses;  
\$15 - \$125– 4th & subsequent offenses

- Traffic controls
- Heating or cooling if <32° F or >92°
- Clear windshields
- Emergency vehicles
- Vehicle inspection
- Maintenance or diagnostics
- Manufacturers' specifications
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Recharge hybrid vehicles
- Housing service animals

### UT

Salt Lake County

15 minutes  
Fines/Warnings – 1st – 3rd offenses;  
≤\$1,000 – 4th & subsequent offenses

- Power refrigeration unit \*if greater than 500 ft from any residence
- Heat/cool sleeper berth \*if greater than 500 ft from any residence
- Emergency vehicles

### VA

10 minutes for diesel vehicles (3 minutes for all other vehicles) in commercial or residential urban areas  
Fines: Not >\$25,000

- Auxiliary power

### WV

15 minutes in any 60-minute period Fines: \$150 - \$300

- Traffic conditions/controls
- Prevent safety or health emergency or in accordance w/ safety regulations
- Emergency vehicles
- Maintenance, service or repair
- Federal or state inspections
- Power auxiliary equipment
- Security inspections
- Mechanical difficulties
- Sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth if <40° or >75° F & legally parked
- Sampling, weighing, loading or unloading
- Waiting for a police escort for a permitted load
- California low-NOx idling label
- Powered by clean diesel technology or biodiesel fuels