



Anti-Idling Ordinance

July 8, 2024



Anti-Idling Ordinance

- Will amend Chapter 11 of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Code;
- Unlawful for any person to park or to cause to park or leave standing, idling, or running any motor vehicle commercial, vehicle or recreational vehicle on any public road, street, alley or municipal property for a period of time in excess of five minutes.
- Exemptions include but are not limited to:
 - Traffic control stops;
 - At the direction of a police officer
 - To operate heater in extreme weather events;
 - Vehicles that house K-9 or other service animals; and
 - Operation of auxiliary equipment – crane, drill and refrigerated units.



Anti-Idling Educational Campaign and Ordinance

Flyers (bi-lingual)

FAQ and articles newsletters

Air Monitors

Eagle Pointe and Bison Ridge
Recreation Centers

Data live – Love My Air website

Signs – schools and public health
facilities

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Strategic Plan Alignment

- 1.2 Promoting sustainability in infrastructure development, city facilities and city fleet.
- 1.3 Improve pedestrian and bike safety on city trails and sidewalks and at road crossings and intersections through education, design, and repairs.
- 3.4 Increase environmental accountability for businesses
- 3.8 Measure and address air and water quality issues in the city
- 5.3 Strengthen city engagement with the community by expanding relationships with community groups and organizations.



Sustainability Action Plan: Resolutions Passed and Drafted

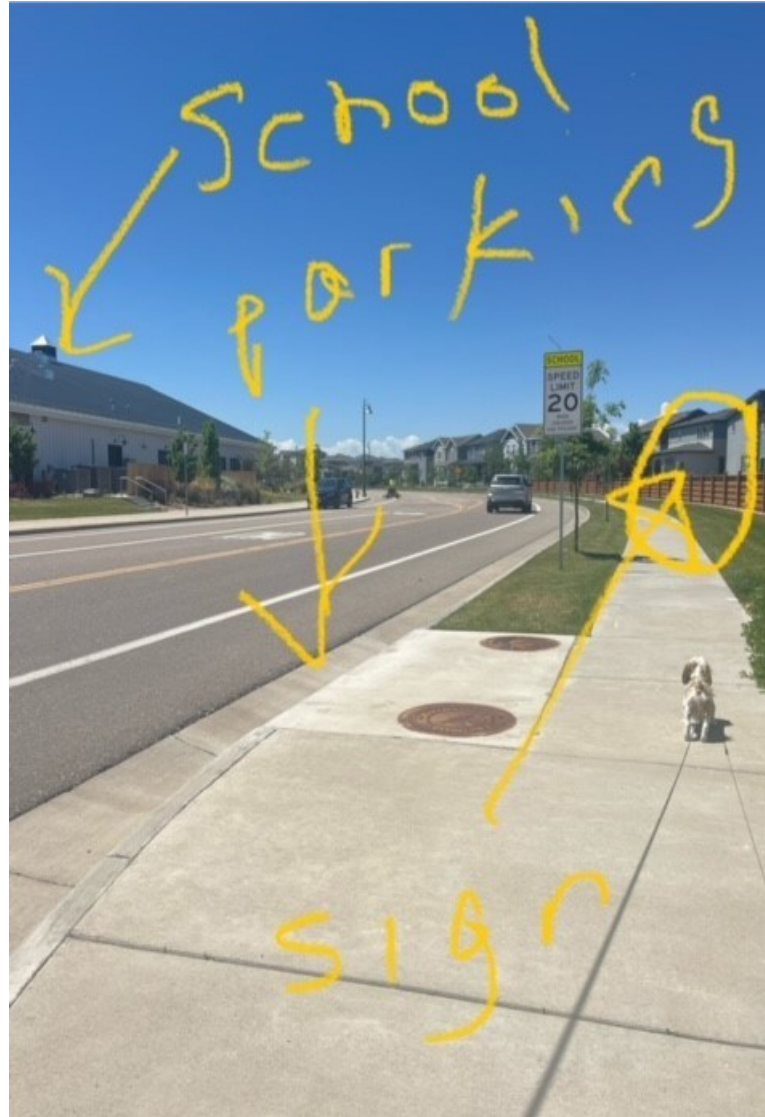
1. EPAC as a permanent committee
 - a. December 5 Council Meeting – Passed
 - b. Sustainability Action Plan – Passed
2. **Anti-Idling Ordinance**
3. Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance
4. Pay-As-You-Throw Ordinance
 - Mandatory Recycling (opt out) and 65 gallon cart
5. Cardboard Ban (separate out cardboard)
6. EVGo Ordinance
7. Xeric Drought Tolerant/Fire Resistant Landscape Amendments
8. Low-Impact Development Amendments

CDPHE, Adams 14, STEAD and C3 Collaboration



- High School
 - Project-based learning unit (3-weeks), aligned with Colorado Academic Standards
 - Overarching question: “How can we improve air quality around our community?”
 - Piloted with 9th grade Earth Sciences courses at Adams City High School
- Middle School
 - Collaborating with partners across ton middle school-facing unit
 - Appropriate for STEM classes as support for Amplify, in afterschool programming, or for Environmental Justice clubs
 - Aiming to roll out for 2024/2025 school year

Anti Idling Signs – Schools & Healthcare Facilities



Anti-Idling Ordinances

City of Denver

Denver Municipal Code Sec. 4-43: Idling Restriction

- [ARTICLE VII. - STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING | Code of Ordinances | Denver, CO](#)

State of Colorado

[State Vehicle Idling Standard | Colorado General Assembly](#)

- “Current law imposes a uniform state idling standard on an owner or operator of a covered vehicle that prohibits the vehicle from idling for more than 5 minutes within any 60-minute period. The bill authorizes a local government to enact a resolution or ordinance concerning the idling of a covered vehicle that is at least as stringent as, but not less stringent than.
- The bill also exempts a critical service or utility provider when performing the functions of the provider's duties from the idling standard and declares that the idling standard is a matter of mixed local and statewide concern.”



Anti-Idling Ordinances in Colorado Cities

City of Fort Collins – Passed an Anti-Idling Policy (April 2010)

Amendments (2019)

“Anti-idling campaigns. The City conducts vehicle idling campaigns aimed at reducing unnecessary idling, and associated engine emissions. Anti-idling signs are available by request for any school or local business, and the City will send outreach letters in response to complaints about excessive idling in neighborhoods. Planning and zoning requirements also limit the number of drive-thru businesses, which can contribute to emissions from idling.”



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- The two air pollutants that cause the most problems in Colorado are ground level ozone and PM2.5.
- Unnecessary idling of cars, trucks and buses affect the quality of air we breathe both at the point of idling (often most concentrated in front of schools and homes), and regionally due to pollutants released into the atmosphere;
- Unattended idling vehicles attract vehicle theft and pose a public safety hazard to pedestrians and motorists on public rights-of-way.





Thank you! Questions?

