

# CIRCULAR



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Title	<b>Excessive Idling of Vehicles</b>
Number	<b>CIR-18-11</b>
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Rescinds:	CIR-04-06 (Excessive Idling of Vehicles), Effective Date May 28, 2004

The purpose of this circular is to ensure that members are properly issuing notices of Infraction (NOIs) for excessive idling (18 DCMR § 2418.3).

**Members are reminded that NOIs for excessive idling shall not be issued to private passenger vehicles.**

18 DCMR § 2418.3 that states:

No person owning, operating, or having control over the engine of a gasoline or diesel powered motor vehicle on public or private space, including the engine of public vehicles for hire, buses with a seating capacity of twelve (12) or more persons, and school buses or any vehicle transporting students, shall allow that engine to idle for more than three (3) minutes while the motor vehicle is parked, stopped, or standing, including for the purpose of operating air conditioning equipment in those vehicles, except as follows:

- (a) To operate private passenger vehicles;
- (b) To operate power takeoff equipment, including dumping, cement mixers, refrigeration systems, content delivery, winches, or shredders; or
- (c) To idle the engine for no more than five (5) minutes to operate heating equipment when the ambient air temperature is thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32° F) or below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Newsham".

Peter Newsham  
Chief of Police

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