

Locally Enforced Idling Restriction Rule



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City of Dallas Idling Ordinance and Memorandum of Agreement

- City of Dallas Idling Ordinance:
 - Passed on May 23, 2007.
 - City Ordinance prohibiting vehicle operators with a gross weight over 14,000 lbs to idle for more than 5 minutes during ozone season (April – October of each year).
 - Enforcement of this ordinance cannot begin until the City signs a memorandum of agreement with the TCEQ
- Memorandum of Agreement:
 - February 13, 2008: Council will be asked to approve this Agreement which transfers enforcement authority for idling restrictions from the State to the City.
 - Proposed MOA between City of Dallas and the State expires in 2013

Items for Follow-Up

- List of Exemptions
- Enforcement of Idling Ordinance
- Education for Marshal's Office and how enforcement will be done.
- Map of Truck Stops and IdleAire Station in Dallas
- North Central Texas Council of Governments Initiatives Around Idling
- Austin Area: Education and Outreach Strategies on Idling Ordinance
- Proposed City of Dallas Education and Outreach Plan for Idling Ordinance
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Exemptions

- Exemptions are related to:
 - Vehicle Type
 - Military, Emergency or Law Enforcement
 - Airport Ground Support Equipment
 - Vehicle rented or leased to persons not employed by the owner
 - Buses if idling under 30 minutes with passengers on board
 - Operation
 - Traffic conditions
 - Power source for mechanical operations coming from truck's engines
 - Maintenance/Diagnostic Purposes
 - Defrost Windshield
 - Climate Control
- Please see handout for full list

Enforcement of Idling Ordinance

- Citations will be issued to the driver of the idling vehicle.
- Penalty for violation is a fine not to exceed \$500.

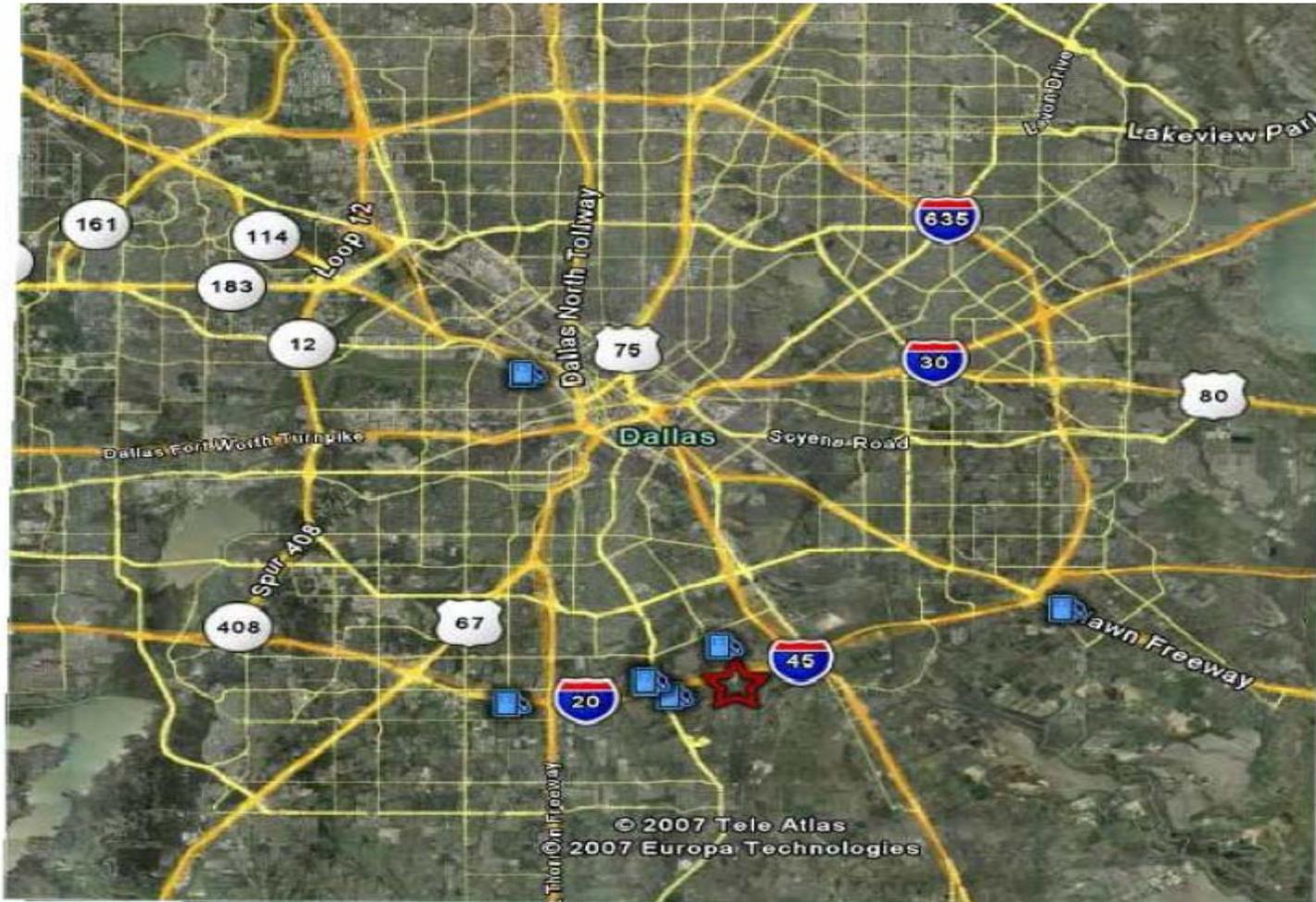
Education for Marshal's Office

- March 2008: Marshal's Office will work with the Office of Environmental Quality to provide training for 20 Marshals on the idling ordinance.
- Training will include ensuring that Marshal's are aware of the exemptions to the ordinance in order to prevent citations from being issued when exemption conditions exist.

Truck Stops in City of Dallas

- Seven truck stops in the City of Dallas.
(Source: North Central Texas Council of Governments 2006)
- OEQ has contacted the seven truck stops in Dallas and all have agreed to post information on the idling ordinance.

Map of Truck Stops and IdleAire Station in Dallas



Truck Stops without Idle Aire or similar electrification systems



Travel Centers of America: location of Idle Aire Hwy I-20, exit 472

IdleAire

- IdleAire is a technology that provides the trucks with the electricity to run climate control and other needs, eliminating the need to idle the main engine.
- One IdleAire station in Dallas: Travel Centers of America, located off Highway I-20, Exit 472.
- Five IdleAire Stations in Dallas-Fort Worth Region.

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Initiative Around Idling

- Past efforts: NCTCOG received a 3rd party grant from TCEQ to implement truck stop electrification programs, including IdleAire. After many unsuccessful attempts to secure truck stop locations by a deadline of February 2007, COG terminated the contract with Idleaire.
- Current effort: The RTC is currently considering a new resolution to support locally enforced idling restrictions. If the resolution passes then COG will consider adoption of an MOA for idling as part of the scoring criteria for funding future air quality/transportation projects.

Austin Area: Education and Outreach

Strategies on Idling Ordinance

- Twelve jurisdictions in the five-county region of Austin/San Marcos passed idling rules.
- An eight-month public education and outreach program preceded enforcement of the rules and began in April 2006:
 - Delivered signs and brochures to truck stops and businesses with large delivery operations.
 - Set up a hotline so that citizens can call and report trucks that were idling (e.g. - #SMOKE).
 - Send letters to large truck companies in the Austin region.
 - Set up a website (www.engineoff.org) that informs residents about new legislation and allows businesses to request brochures and signs.

Proposed Plan for Education On Dallas Idling Ordinance

Implement a four-month education and outreach program:

- January/February 2008: OEQ will work with 311 to set up service requests for citizens who call in to report idling vehicles.
- January/February 2008: OEQ will work with the Office of Economic Development to obtain a list of companies with large transportation facilities and delivery operations, including moving companies and companies with large distribution centers. Letters will be sent to these companies informing them about the ordinance and asking them to post signs on the ordinance.
- January/February 2008: OEQ will design and print brochures and signs on the idling ordinance.
- February/March 2008: OEQ will provide brochures and signs on the idling ordinance to the seven truck stops in Dallas that agreed to post as well as trucking businesses.

Proposed Plan for Education On Dallas Idling Ordinance

- February/March 2008: OEQ will distribute TERP brochures and brochures on idling to refueling and truck wash stations.
- February/March 2008: OEQ will launch a new website on idling ordinance as well as helpful links and resources. Information on how to request brochures and signs on the ordinance will also be available on the website. Information on how to report a vehicle that is idling will also be posted on the website.
- March 2008: OEQ will send letters to 80 trucking companies in Dallas as well as Trucking Associations including National Truckers Association, the American Trucking Association, and the Texas Motor Transportation Association.
- March 2008: OEQ will send letters and brochures on the ordinance to schools that provide training and licenses to truck drivers.
- April 2008 (first month of enforcement): Marshal's Office will issue warnings to truck drivers along with a brochure on the new ordinance. 13

Next Steps

- Council will consider the Memorandum of Agreement on the Locally Enforced Idling Restriction Rule on February 13, 2008.
- The Office of Environmental Quality will work with the City Marshal's Office on Plans for education for Marshal's on the idling ordinance and on plans for enforcement.
- The Office of Environmental Quality will work on the proposed education plan.