Oklahoma State University Facilities Management Vehicles No-Idle Policy

Effective Date:	Jan. 2, 2018
Applies to:	This policy applies to all Facilities Management vehicles at the Stillwater campus of Oklahoma State University.
Rationale:	**Spare the engine** - An idling engine is not operating at its peak temperature, which means fuel combustion is incomplete. Soot deposits can accumulate on cylinder walls leading to oil contamination and damaged components. Idling, while warming an engine, does not warm the wheel bearings, steering, transmission and tires--only driving does this. **Save Money** - Because idling a vehicle for 10 minutes a day uses up more than 25 gallons of gasoline in a year. **Breathe Easier**- Unnecessary idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment. Exhaust from vehicle engines contributes to human health problems, including lung damage and asthma. Automobile exhaust leads to tropospheric ozone formation, acid rain, and other forms of air pollution. It also releases greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, a major contributor to global climate change.
Purpose:	Eliminate unnecessary idling of Facilities Management vehicles at the Stillwater campus of Oklahoma State University.
Policy:	Drivers of Facilities Management vehicles shall not allow the vehicles to idle. Any time a vehicle is stopped or parked for an amount of time greater than five (5) minutes, the vehicle shall be turned off. Vehicles shall not be restarted until departure with a clear path to the exit. Exceptions are limited to conditions that would compromise passenger safety.
When Applicable:	This policy shall be in effect in temperatures between 40 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit when idling does not serve to heat or cool vehicle occupants. Copies of this policy shall be available to OSU Facilities Management employees and will be distributed or made available during new employee orientation. Where appropriate, signage shall be used to inform drivers of the Facilities Management idling policy.