

**ORDINANCE NO. ____ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING SECTION 164-6, PROHIBITED NOISE ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances provides for the control of noise in the City of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, Section 164-6.B of the Code of Ordinances prohibits idling by trucks in excess of 10,000 pounds for a period in excess of ten minutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 22A-174-18 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies prohibits unnecessary idling by vehicles of all kinds for more than three minutes, with exceptions for extreme weather conditions, certain service vehicles and health-related conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Stamford to amend the City of Stamford Noise Control Ordinance to prohibit vehicle idling for more than three minutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 164-6 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 164-6. Prohibited noise activities.

The following activities are prohibited:

- A. Vehicle horns. No person shall at any time sound any horn or other audible signal device of a motor vehicle unless it is necessary as a warning to prevent or avoid a traffic accident.
- B. ~~Truck idling. No person shall operate an engine or any standing motor vehicle with a weight in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, manufacturer's gross vehicle weight (GVW), for a period in excess of ten (10) minutes when such vehicle is parked on a residential premise or on a city street next to a residential premise.~~

Emissions from stationary or idling mobile sources. No mobile source engine shall be allowed to operate for more than three consecutive minutes when the mobile source is not in motion except as follows:

- (1) When a mobile source is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control;
 - (2) When it is necessary to operate heating, cooling or auxiliary equipment installed on the mobile source when such equipment is necessary to accomplish the intended use of the mobile source;
 - (3) To bring the mobile source to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature;
 - (4) When the outdoor temperature is below 20°F;
 - (5) When the mobile source is being repaired.
- C. Exhaust discharge. No person shall discharge into the ambient air the blowdown of any steam vent or the exhaust of any stationary internal-combustion engine or air compressor equipment unless such discharge is through a muffler as defined by § 164-3 of this chapter or through an apparatus providing equal noise reduction.

This ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, as required by CGS §22a-73(c).