

BC Municipality Anti-Idling Bylaw Summary

Municipality	Bylaw or Regulations & Guidelines	Anti-Idling Terms	Restrictions
Merritt	Traffic Bylaw 1930. Adopted January 24, 2006.	Any vehicle (exceeding 16,000 kg) parked in a residential or public use zone must apply for a permit from the City. Term of this permit is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No prolonged idling (in excess of 3 minutes) is permitted and a licensed driver must be in the vehicle during idling 	
Penticton	Nuisance and Noise Bylaw May 9436. Adopted June 6, 1994	No person shall make or cause any noise or sound on a highway or elsewhere within the corporate limits of the City which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity. No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle within the corporate limits of the City so as to cause, or in a manner causing loud noise from the tires, or engine or exhaust of such motor vehicle.	The provisions of this part shall not apply to or be enforced against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any construction, building, demolition, excavation, grading or other kind of construction or destruction work that has written permission from the Chief Building Official or Council. Any business or industry carried on in those areas of the City designated as Light Industrial District or Heavy Industrial District, with respect to noise that is reasonably or necessarily incidental to the business or industry. Any agriculture carried on in those areas of the City designated as Agricultural District, with respect to noise that is reasonably or necessarily incidental to agriculture.
Keremeos	Noise Bylaw No. 636, 2003. Adopted September 15, 2003.	Between 11:00PM and 6:00AM, no person shall operate the engine of any vehicle, reefer, or refrigeration unit of any vehicle or trailer unless the vehicle or trailer is in motion. A permit may be issued by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village or designate for an exemption under this Bylaw.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The operation of emergency equipment or any emergency vehicle by an authorized person; or Any act of maintenance or repair being carried out by employees or contractors of the Village, the Ministry of Highways or any public or private utility; or Any repairs to property of an emergency nature; or Snow removal/sanding or street washing/cleaning operations; or Other work on property between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. of the same day. An operator of agricultural machinery and equipment and scare devices operated in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practises under the "Right to Farm Legislation." The operation of a vehicle, from operating in a Commercial or Industrial Zone.
Ucluelet	Noise Control Bylaw No. 915, 2003. Adopted December 9, 2003.	The following are specifically prohibited within the Municipal limits of the District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idling or continuously running of a diesel engine, a truck or bus for more than 15 minutes at the same location, except where the truck or bus is located within a garage or depot intended to be used for the long term parking of that vehicle. 	The provisions of this bylaw shall not apply to or be enforced against <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A person performing works of an emergency nature for the preservation or protection of life, health or property but the onus shall be on the person performing the work to show cause that the work was of an emergency nature. Any vehicle of the District of Ucluelet while engaged upon necessary public business. Any work carried out during restricted hours with written permission of the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Engineering or designate, specifying the time during such restricted hours when such work or event may be performed. Any business or industry established in accordance with the District of Ucluelet Zoning Bylaw, in any area designated as approved for that type of operation provided that all precautions are taken according to criteria as defined by the District of Ucluelet for abating, controlling or limiting noise, odor, effluvia, smoke, vibration and nuisance arising from the industry conducted, so that the same may be free from neighborhood offence as possible.
Cumberland	Do not have bylaw text.	Idling is restricted to no more than 15 minutes during the winter months. This has never been enforced as there is not enough enforcement staff. There have been 2 complaints over the last two years about diesel from trucks idling in the morning. There is not a lot of awareness in the community about anti-idling.	

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Tumbler Ridge	Noise Control Bylaw No. 457, 2002. Adopted December 16, 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any noise from an engine operating on private property that is audible in a public place or outside the parcel where it originates between 11:00 pm and 8:00 pm The noise of a stationary motor vehicle with its motor running that is audible in a public place or outside the parcel where it originates for 15 minutes or more 	<p>The following noises are permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise from police, fire, ambulance or other emergency vehicles; Noise from snow removal or highway cleaning operations
Whistler	Parking and Traffic Bylaw No. 1512, 2001. Adopted June 4, 2001	Vehicles exceeding 5,000 kilograms cannot idly for longer than 5 minutes	<p>Except if;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The motor vehicles is in lanes of traffic The motor vehicle is undergoing emergency repairs along a roadside The motor vehicle is an emergency vehicles, or If the operation of the motor vehicle engine is necessary to power equipment ancillary to the motor vehicle
West Vancouver	Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 4380, 2004. Adopted July 29, 2004	No person may cause or permit a Motor Vehicle engine to be left in operation for more than five minutes in a 60 minute period while the vehicle is stationary	<p>Except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicles undergoing repairs at a service garage licensed under a bylaw emergency vehicles, or If the operation of the motor vehicle engine is necessary to power equipment by way of a power take-off to operate utility equipment such as a lift, mower, or similar equipment;
Victoria	No 03-12 A bylaw of the City of Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The operation of any automobile, truck, motorcycle, bus or other motorized vehicle which by reason of disrepair, the use of a muffler that fails to cool & expel exhaust gases from the engine without excessive noise, mode of operation of the vehicle (squealing of tires except during emergency braking to avoid accidents, over-revving of engine or excessive acceleration of vehicle) or any other cause, create noise or sound which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public. The idling or other continuous running of the engine of a truck or bus for more than three minutes at the same location, except where the truck or bus is located within a garage or depot intended to be used for the long term parking of that vehicle. 	<p>This bylaw does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vehicle of the Police or Fire Department of the City, or an ambulance or other public service or emergency vehicle while engaged in a service of the public convenience or necessity, The sounding of a horn or other signalling device upon any vehicle, boat or train where such sounding is properly and necessarily used as a danger or warning signal A parade, procession, performance, concert, ceremony, event, gathering or meeting in or on a street or public space, if that is permitted in the City under a bylaw or statute. Garbage collection vehicles Municipal works vehicles City Parks Division maintenance work Nightly cleaning of streets & sidewalks & collection of garbage from sidewalk refuse bins Emergency repairs to buildings which cannot be delayed until normal working hours.
Vancouver	Motor Vehicle Noise And Emission Abatement By-Law No. 9344	<p>A person must not cause or permit a motor vehicle to idle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more than three consecutive minutes in a 60 minute period; or While unattended and unlocked. 	<p>Does not apply to a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicle that contains or has attached to it equipment requiring power from the engine to operate in the course of the operation of such equipment for a commercial or public purpose; Police, fire, ambulance, or other emergency motor vehicle in the course of the performance of police, fire, ambulance, or other emergency duties including training activities; Motor vehicle in the course of assistance in an emergency; Armoured motor vehicle, used to transport money or valuables, in which a person remains to guard the contents, in the course of the loading or unloading of such money or valuables; Motor vehicle in the course of a race or parade Council has approved; or Bus while its passengers are in the course of embarking or disembarking.

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Port McNeill	Nuisance Bylaw No. 571.1, 2006. Adopted December 4, 2006.	Any noise longer than 15 minutes caused or emanating from the operation of a parked or stopped vehicle or reefer between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.	<p>This bylaw does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police, fire or other emergency vehicles proceeding upon an emergency; • The excavation, construction, or infrastructure work, or repairing of bridges, streets, highways, or lands by the Town or agents acting on its behalf; iii) The operation of maintenance equipment by the Town or agents acting on its behalf; • Snow removal or highway cleaning operations; • The erection, demolition, construction, reconstruction, alteration or repair of any building or structure between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; • The operation of a public address system or communications system required under a building code, fire code or Worksafe BC requirement; • A lawnmower, power gardening equipment or chainsaw operated between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; • A horn from a motor vehicle, boat or train where it is necessary to warn of danger or a hazard; • An event approved by resolution of Council provided it is within the terms of that approval – i.e.: hours of operation.
Pemberton	Parking and Traffic Control Bylaw No. 586, 2006. Adopted January 9, 2007.	No vehicle engine should idle for a period longer than 10 minutes	<p>Except;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motor vehicle is in lanes of traffic, • The motor vehicle is undergoing emergency repairs along a roadside, or • The motor vehicle is an emergency vehicle.
North Vancouver District	Street and Traffic Bylaw No. 7125 (2004). Adopted November 15, 2004	No person shall permit a motor vehicle engine to be left in operation more than 3 minutes in a 60-minute period while the vehicle is stationary	<p>Does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engine of an emergency vehicle, • Where the motor vehicle is in traffic, • Undergoing repairs at a motor vehicle service garage, • Undergoing emergency repairs along a roadside, • Is an armoured vehicle, • Is participating in a parade authorized by the District, or • Used to power equipment ancillary to the motor vehicle.

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<p>North Vancouver City</p>	<p>Street and Traffic Bylaw No 6234, 1991. Adopted April 13, 1992.</p>	<p>No person shall permit a motor vehicle engine to idle on a street for more than 3 minutes in a 60-minute period.</p>	<p>This section does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mobile workshop while such a vehicle is being used as a mobile workshop. • Police, fire or ambulance vehicles while engaged in operational activities, including training activities, except where idling is substantially for the convenience of the operator of the vehicle. • Vehicles assisting in an emergency activity. • Vehicles for which idling is required as part of a repair or regular pre-check maintenance process. • Armoured vehicles in which a person remains inside the vehicle while guarding the contents of the vehicle or while the vehicle is being loaded or unloaded. • Vehicles required to remain motionless because of an emergency, traffic, or mechanical difficulties over which the driver has no control. • Vehicles engaged in a parade or race or any other event authorized by the City of North Vancouver. • Vehicles required to use heating or refrigeration systems powered by the motor or engine for the preservation of perishable cargo. • Vehicles when the ambient temperature inside the vehicle is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More than twenty-seven degrees Celsius (27°C); or ○ Less than five degrees Celsius (5°C)
<p>Kamloops</p>	<p>Noise Control Bylaw 24-42 No. 24-42. Adopted 2007.</p>	<p>No person shall cause or permit a commercial motor vehicle to idle in a residential area for more than 3 consecutive minutes.</p>	<p>Does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses, fire apparatus, police, or emergency medical service vehicles while engaged in operational activities, including training and patient transfer activities. • Commercial motor vehicles participating in an emergency activity • Commercial motor vehicles that remain motionless because of an emergency, traffic conditions (including congestion and signals), weather conditions, or mechanical difficulties over which the driver has no control, • Commercial motor vehicles where idling is required as part of the repair process or to prepare the vehicle for service • Armoured vehicles where a person remains inside the vehicle while guarding the contents of the vehicle or while the vehicle is being loaded or unloaded • Commercial motor vehicles engaged in a parade or race or any other such event authorized by Council, or • Mobile workshops
<p>Gibsons</p>	<p>Anti-Idling Bylaw No. 1010, 2005. Adopted October 4, 2005.</p>	<p>No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle for more than 3 consecutive minutes.</p>	<p>Does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles idling while passengers are embarking or disembarking; • Vehicles idling because of traffic, an emergency, or mechanical difficulties; • Armoured vehicles involved in the secure delivery and pick up of goods; • Emergency vehicles, as that term is defined in the Motor Vehicle Act; • Vehicles engaged in a parade or a race; • Vehicles engaged in a mechanical test or maintenance procedure for which idling is required; • Vehicles that must remain idling so as to power a heating or a refrigeration system for the preservation of perishable cargo; and, • Vehicles that must remain idling so as to power any tools or equipment necessary for or incidental to the provision of services by a municipality or a public utility.

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Abbotsford	Good Neighbour Bylaw, 2003. Bylaw No. 1256-2003. Adopted August 25, 2003.	<p>The following Noises are unnecessary, objectionable or liable to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sound of the diesel engine of a bus, truck or other vehicle which has been idling or otherwise running continuously for more than three minutes at the same location 	<p>Does not apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where the bus is located within a garage or depot intended for its long-term parking
Richmond	Policy	<p>Richmond has been working on various anti-idling initiatives for the past few years and has undertaken the following specific actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-idling awareness campaign for City staff A Council adopted GreenFleet policy for guiding corporate fleet practices - this policy includes a specific restriction prohibiting unnecessary idling of City vehicles A partnership initiative with the Richmond School Board, Vancouver Airport Authority & private business to undertake a 1-Tonne Richmond Community Challenge. A key initiative of this program was to increase awareness of idling through the school system. (The federal program which funded this work was cancelled but there remains an active student leadership body which is continuing to raise awareness and work to reduce unnecessary idling as a result of the work that was initiated.) The City is currently reviewing next steps with respect to the unnecessary idling of vehicles and is evaluating alternative options, including a restrictive bylaw and/or continued public awareness campaign. We anticipate that a report will be going forward for Council consideration in early May. <p>The city has also undertaken various other initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Examples of these can be provided if you desire.</p>	
Vernon		No Bylaw - Policy for municipal vehicles.	
Elkford		No Bylaw - Policy for municipal vehicles.	
Chilliwack		No Bylaw - Policy for municipal vehicles.	
Chetwynd		No Bylaw - Policy for municipal vehicles.	
Salmon Arm		No Bylaw - Policy for municipal vehicles saying that cannot leave vehicle running if left unattended.	
Colwood		No Bylaw - policy for city vehicles.	