

Town of New Castle, State of Colorado
Town Council

Proclamation

Know All Persons By These Presents

Whereas, emissions from vehicle idling contribute significantly to air pollution and increased risks of cancer and cardiopulmonary disease which adversely affect the health, natural environment and economic wellbeing of residents and visitors to New Castle, especially the children; and

Whereas, the State of Colorado and Air Quality Division of the Garfield County Public Health Department have pointed to vehicle idling as a significant problem which they are addressing by developing major programs; and

Whereas, the New Castle Climate Action Advisory Commission has secured the participation of Garfield Re-2 School District in an idling reduction program for not only the schools within New Castle, but throughout the District; and

Whereas, local businesses and the U.S. Post Office have responded positively to the anti-idling message and are desirous of anti-idling signs in their areas; and

Whereas, idling a typical modern vehicle for longer than 30 seconds consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle; and

Whereas, needless idling of vehicles is an learned habitual behavior which can be changed by education and visual reminders; and

Whereas, education efforts to date have been largely ineffective because of difficulty reaching all residents; and

Whereas, reducing needless vehicle idling is in keeping with the Town of New Castle's Climate Action Plan; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest that New Castle residents and guests reduce vehicle emissions to protect the health, economy and natural environment of New Castle and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, the Town Council and Mayor have full faith in the residents of New Castle to respond responsibly to a program of education and reminders without the need for intrusive ordinances.

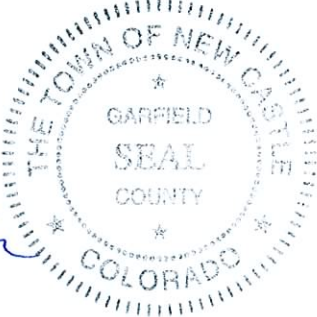
Now, Therefore, the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, State of Colorado, hereby proclaims itself to be in full support of a program to eliminate needless idling within the Town, and to participate actively in that program as it develops in the region under the auspices of the Air Quality Division of the Garfield County Public Health Department.

Let this proclamation be entered into the official records of the Town.

Introduced, Read and Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, on July 6, 2010.

Attest:

Lisa H. Cain
Lisa Cain, Town Clerk



Frank Breslin
Frank Breslin, Mayor