

## NO IDLING POLICY

### I. PURPOSE

To establish the policy to minimize the idling time in all aspects of vehicle operation of all vehicles owned by the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners or Rockdale County, Georgia.

### II. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all vehicles owned by the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners and/or vehicles operated in conjunction with the services provided by Rockdale County, Georgia. Employees will be notified of this policy through email. Employees who do not have email will receive a hard copy of the policy. Newly hired employees will receive a copy of this policy as part of their orientation package.

### III. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Studies conducted have concluded that idling vehicles waste fuel and financial resources and can pose a health risk to employees and the community at large. Implementation of this policy will limit these impacts and save money by conserving fuel.

### IV. GUIDANCE

- Turn off vehicles when loading and/or unloading passengers, equipment, or supplies to eliminate idling time and reduce harmful emissions. Vehicles should not be restarted until there is a clear path by which to exit the pickup area. Exceptions include conditions that would compromise passenger safety, such as assisting persons with disabilities, extreme weather, emergencies, or idling in traffic.
- Limit idling time during early-morning warm-up to what is recommended by the vehicle manufacturer (generally 3 to 5 minutes) in all but the coldest weather.
- Limit drive thru services in County vehicles.

### V. EXCEPTIONS


This policy shall not apply to County vehicles being operated by Sheriff's deputies who are on duty.

### VI. POLICY CHANGE

The Rockdale County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to delete, modify, amend, or repeal this policy at any time with or without prior notice.

Adopted this 28 day of October, 2014 with an effective date of December 15, 2014

Rockdale County, Georgia  
Board of Commissioners

By:   
Richard A. Oden, Chairman

Attest:

  
Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk