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2016 State-to-State Idling Guide

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Whether you need to run the air conditioner, heater or power up the cab during a rest break, knowing where and how long you can idle can be tricky with so many laws differing state-by-state, city-by-city. To make things easier for truckers, Land Line has compiled a list of idling laws nationwide.

ARIZONA Maricopa County

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - \$100 first violation
 - \$300 second and subsequent violations
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic or adverse weather conditions
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
 - Power takeoff involving cargo or work functions
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Maintenance or diagnostics
 - HOS compliance
 - *Applies to engine warm-up and cool down.*

CALIFORNIA Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Minimum \$300
 - Subsequent penalties \$1,000 to \$10,000 per day of violation
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Queuing beyond 100 feet of residential units
 - Adverse weather conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Vehicle safety inspection
 - Service or repair
 - Power takeoff involving cargo or work functions
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - Emergency vehicles
 - California low-NOx idling compliant trucks

Auburn

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
 - Prohibits reefer operation within 1,000 feet of residential or school areas unless loading or unloading
- **FINES**
 - Driver given a warning on first offense, followed by a \$50 fine and criminal penalties for all subsequent offenses.
 - Owner of a reefer is subject to a warning on the first offense, followed by a \$100 minimum and a \$200 minimum for all subsequent offenses
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/control
 - Vehicle safety inspection
 - Service or repair
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - HOS compliance at truck/rest stop
 - Operate intermittent equipment
 - Alternatively fueled vehicles
 - Attainment areas where air meets EPA quality standards
 - ** Applies to engine warm-up and cool down and not to exceed 3-5 minutes.*

Sacramento

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
 - Prohibits reefer operation within 1,000 feet of residential or school areas unless loading or unloading
- **FINES**
 - Not less than \$100 and not more than \$25,000 per violation
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/control
 - Vehicle safety inspection
 - Service or repair
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - HOS compliance at truck/rest stop
 - ** Applies to engine warm-up and cool down.*

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Placer County (NE of Sacramento)

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
 - Prohibits reefer operation within 1,000 feet of residential or school areas unless loading or unloading
- **FINES**
 - \$50 minimum
 - Owner of a reefer is subject to a warning on the first offense, followed by a \$100 minimum and a \$200 minimum for all subsequent offenses
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/control
 - Vehicle safety inspection
 - Service or repair
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - HOS compliance at truck/rest stop
 - Operate intermittent equipment
 - Alternatively fueled vehicles
 - Attainment areas where air meets EPA quality standards
 - ** Applies to engine warm-up and cool down and not to exceed 3-5 minutes.*

COLORADO Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 1-hour period
 - 20 minutes in any 1-hour period when temperature is below 10 degrees
- **FINES**
 - Not more than \$150 for the first offense or a fine of not more than \$500 for a second or subsequent offense and by a surcharge of \$20
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Highway traffic
 - Law enforcement emergency
 - Required maintenance
 - Local, state, or federal inspection
 - *Safety reasons*

- Safety reasons
- Operation of power take-off equipment
- HOS compliance at truck/rest stop or area legally permitted to park at least 1,000 feet from residence, school, daycare, hospital or senior citizen center

Aspen

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 1-hour period
- **FINES**
 - First offense, \$50 ticket
 - Limit on fines is \$1,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Safety reasons
 - To achieve an engine temperature of 120 degrees and an air pressure of 100 pounds per square inch

Basalt

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 2 minutes
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Safety reasons
 - To achieve an engine temperature of 120 degrees and an air pressure of 100 pounds per square inch
 - Emergency vehicles

City and County of Denver

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 1-hour period
- **FINES**
 - Not more than \$150 for first offense and a surcharge of \$20
 - Not more than \$500 for subsequent offenses and a surcharge of \$20
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Less than 20 degrees for previous 24-hour period
 - Less than 10 degrees
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Traffic conditions
 - Being serviced
 - Auxiliary equipment

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Greenwood Village

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any residential district for vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds or more
- **FINES**
 - Minimum of \$35 and maximum of \$499

Johnstown

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes in any 1-hour period for motor vehicles that weigh more than 10,000 pounds
 - Vehicles shall not idle within 100 feet of a residential area from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. unless parked in the designated area
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Pickup trucks with campers, camper trailers or recreational vehicles

Mountain Village

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 1-hour period
- **FINES**
 - First offense: no less than \$50, no more than \$100
 - Second offense: no less than \$100, no more than \$300
 - Third and subsequent convictions: \$300, imprisonment in county jail for no more than 90 days or both
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Safety reasons
 - Time required to achieve a proper temperature and air pressure
 - Emergency vehicles

Telluride

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 30 seconds
 - 3 minutes in cold weather
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Perform a function for which the vehicle is designed

Vail

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 20 minutes within the town limits
 - 0 minutes for unattended vehicles
- **FINES**
 - < \$2,650.00
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Unattended refrigeration vehicles in the Lionshead mixed-use 1, Lionshead mixed-use 2, commercial core 1 or commercial core 2 zone districts of the town

Winter Park

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes
- **FINES**
 - < \$2,650, < 1-year imprisonment or both
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - NA

CONNECTICUT Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Varies depending on nature of the violation
 - Not more than \$5,000 per week
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Ensure safety or health of driver/passengers
 - Auxiliary equipment
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Less than 20 degrees
 - Maintenance
 - Queuing to access military installation
 - * *Applies to engine warm-up and cool down.*

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Brantford

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 10 minutes on a residential premise or on a town road next to residential premises
- **FINES**
 - Not to exceed \$50; each 30 minutes such violation reoccurs after the initial violation or any subsequent violations shall constitute a new violation

Mansfield

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 10 minutes on or next to a residential premise

- **FINES**
 - Not to exceed \$88

Norwalk

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Not to exceed \$99
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Auxiliary equipment
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Less than 20 degrees
 - Maintenance
 - * *Applies to engine warm-up and cool down.*

Windsor

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 10 minutes when parked on or next to a residential premise
- **FINES**
 - Not to exceed \$25, each day such violation continues after the correction of the violation has been given in an order shall constitute a continuing violation, and the fine shall be \$50 for each day the violation continues

DELAWARE Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
 - 15 minutes if 32 degrees to minus 10 degrees
 - No limit if less than minus 10 degrees
- **FINES**
 - \$50 to \$500 per offense
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Repair
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Using auxiliary equipment/power takeoff
 - Power during sleeping or resting beyond 25 miles of truck stop with available electrified equipment
 - Vehicle safety inspections
 - * *Applies to engine warm-up and cool down.*

Newark

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 1-hour period
 - 15 minutes if 32 degrees to minus 10 degrees
 - No limit if less than minus 10 degrees
 - 15 minutes if above 80 degrees with verifiable medical condition
 - 15 minutes if above 90 degrees if providing comfort of those over 65 years of age or under the age of 6
- **FINES**
 - First offense: warning
 - Second and subsequent offenses: \$100 within five years of first offense
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Repair
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Using auxiliary equipment/power takeoff
 - Power during sleeping or resting beyond 25 miles of truck stop with available electrified equipment
 - Vehicle safety inspections

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Wilmington

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
 - 30 minutes if vehicle at the operator's place of business where the vehicle is permanently assigned
 - 15 minutes if vehicle has been stopped for more three hours or more
- **FINES**
 - First offense: No less than \$20 nor more than \$110 or imprisoned for not less than 10 days or both
 - Subsequent offenses: Not less than \$60 nor more than \$210 or imprisoned not less than 15 days nor more than 30 days or both
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Repair
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Using auxiliary equipment/power takeoff
 - Power during sleeping or resting beyond 25 miles of truck stop with available electrified equipment
 - Vehicle safety inspections

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
 - 5 minutes if less than 32 degrees
- **FINES**
 - \$1,000 ticket
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Power takeoff

FLORIDA Statewide

- Repealed effective 2/16/2012

GEORGIA (Atlanta)

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes
 - 25 minutes if below 32 degrees for passenger comfort/safety
- **FINES**
 - \$500 minimum
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - To perform needed work
 - Traffic conditions
 - Natural gas or electric vehicles

HAWAII Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes for startup/cool down
- **FINES**
 - \$25 to \$2,500 per day; each day of each violation constitutes a separate offense
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Adjustment or repair
 - Auxiliary equipment or power takeoff

IDAHO Ketchum

- **TIME LIMIT**

- **GENERAL VIOLATIONS**
 - 3 minutes in one-hour period
- **FINES**
 - Fixed \$25 fee (new this year; previously, subsequent violations cost \$52)
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Inspections
 - Repairs
 - Auxiliary equipment or power takeoff
 - Safety reasons
 - Recharge a battery or other energy storage unit of a hybrid vehicle/equipment
 - Operate equipment that runs intermittently

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ILLINOIS

Cities of Aux Sable, Goose Lake, and Oswego

Counties of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, McHenry, Will, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 10 minutes within any 60-minute period
 - 30 minutes within any 60-minute period: waiting to weigh, load or unload freight when less than 32 degrees or more than 80 degrees
- **FINES**
 - \$90 first conviction
 - \$500 for second and subsequent convictions in a 12-month period
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Prevent a safety or health emergency
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
 - Service or repair
 - Government inspection
 - Power takeoffs involving cargo or work functions
 - Resting in a sleeper berth
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Queuing
 - Idle-reduction technologies

Chicago

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes in any 60-minute period
 - No limit when less than 32 degrees or more than 80 degrees
- **FINES**
 - \$250
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Service or repair of government inspection
 - Traffic conditions
 - Idle-reduction technologies
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Exhaust filter (DPR) regeneration
 - Emergency vehicles

Evanston

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in 60-minute period
- **FINES**
 - \$150
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Prevent a safety or health emergency
 - Idle-reduction technologies
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Service or repair of government inspection
 - Maintenance, service and repairs
 - Power auxiliary equipment

Westmont

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 10 minutes*
- **FINES**
 - \$50 for 1st offense, \$150 for 2nd offense within 24-month period; and \$300 for third and subsequent offenses within 24-month period
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - School buses
 - Prevent a safety or health emergency
 - Maintenance, service and repairs
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Traffic conditions
 - Loading/unloading
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Emergency vehicles
 - *Note: The law specifically refers to semi-tractor and/or trailer or any commercial vehicle parked along 61st Street from Cass Avenue to Williams Street. Idling more than 10 minutes is considered "parking" which is banned for trucks.

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Counties of Johnson and Wyandotte

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 60-minute period
 - 30-minutes in any 60-minute period while waiting to load or unload
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Road traffic or signals or by law enforcement officer
 - While operating heaters, defrosters, air conditioners, safety lights or other equipment for safety or health reasons and not part of a rest period
 - State or federal inspection
 - Mechanical difficulties over which driver has no control
 - Sleeper berth during a government-mandated rest period
 - Maintenance, servicing, repairs or diagnostic purposes
 - To operate auxiliary equipment
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes

MAINE Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any one-hour period
 - 15 minutes per hour if temperature is between zero and 32 degrees
 - No limit when temperature is below zero
- **FINES**
 - \$25 to \$500 for first offense
 - \$150 to \$500 FINES for each subsequent offense
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Zero degrees or colder
 - Traffic conditions
 - Operation of defrosters, heaters or A/C to prevent safety or health emergency
 - Operation of heaters or A/C while waiting to load/unload
 - Maintenance, servicing, repair or diagnostics
 - State or federal inspection

- State or Federal inspections
- Emergency vehicles
- Power work-related operations
- Sleeper berth A/C or heat during rest or sleep periods
- Mechanical difficulties if receipt of repair is submitted within 30 days

MARYLAND Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Not more than \$500
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties
 - Heating, cooling and auxiliary equipment
 - Conform to manufacturer's specifications*
 - Accomplish intended use
 - * Applies to engine warm-up and cool down.

MASSACHUSETTS Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Not more than \$100 for first offense
 - Not more than \$500 for each subsequent offense
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Being serviced
 - Delivery for which power is needed and alternatives unavailable
 - Associate power needed and alternatives unavailable

MICHIGAN Detroit

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in a 60-minute period
- **FINES**
 - First offense: written warning
 - Second and subsequent offenses: \$150 to operator and/or \$500 to owner
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Emergency vehicles
 - If the vehicle is motionless for more than two hours and the temperature is less than 25 degrees
 - State inspections
 - Hybrid vehicle recharging or alternative fuel powered vehicles
 - Electric, hydrogen or natural gas-powered vehicles
 - Note: Up to three infractions may be issued in the one 60-minute period; up to four infractions may be issued in the second continuous 60-minute period; up to nine infractions may be issued in subsequent continuous 60-minute period.

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MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in a 60-minute period
 - No shipper or receiver may cause a truck to idle longer than 30 minutes in any 60-minute period while waiting or in the act of loading or unloading
- **FINES**
 - Not more than \$100; if conviction is preceded by two or more convictions within 12-month period, the \$100 maximum does not apply. *
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions or compliance with traffic signals or signs
 - Operation of defrosters, heaters or A/C to prevent
 - safety or health emergency
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
 - Maintenance, servicing, repair or diagnostics
 - State or federal inspections
 - Power work-related operations
 - Sleeper berth A/C or heat during rest or sleep periods
 - A/C or heat in an occupied vehicle waiting to load or unload
 - Mechanical difficulties if receipt of repair is submitted within a specific number of days
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - * New law that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2015. Previous maximum fine was \$700.

Owatonna

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes each 5 hours in residential areas
- **FINES**
 - \$1,000 maximum and/or 90 days of imprisonment
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - None

MISSOURI

Counties of Clay, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Platte, St. Charles, St. Louis

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any hour
 - 30 minutes per hour when waiting to load or unload
- **FINES**
 - Fees can range from \$0-\$10,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Prevent safety/health emergency
 - Emergency purposes
 - Maintenance/repair
 - State or federal inspections
 - Power work-related operations
 - During government-mandated rest periods
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - APUs

City of St. Louis

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any hour
 - 10 minutes if less than 32 degrees
- **FINES**
 - Up to \$100
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Power for auxiliary purposes
 - Traffic or adverse weather conditions
 - Repair or diagnostics
 - Engaged in the delivery of goods

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St. Louis County

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 consecutive minutes
- **FINES**
 - Maximum \$1,000 and/or 1 year of imprisonment

- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Operating a loading, unloading, or processing device
 - Emergency vehicles

MONTANA

Lewis and Clark County

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 2 hours in any 12-hour period when Health Department declares a "poor" stage for air quality
- **FINES**
 - FINES will vary based on nature of the charges

NEVADA Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes
- **FINES**
 - First offense: \$100 to \$500
 - Second offense: \$500 to \$1,000
 - Third offense: \$1,000 to \$1,500
 - Fourth and subsequent offenses (within a two-year period): \$1,500 to \$2,500
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Variance has been issued
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Snow removal equipment
 - Repair or maintain other vehicles
 - Traffic congestion
 - Maintenance at repair facility
 - Emission contained and treated per commission
 - To perform specific task

Clark County (including Las Vegas)

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Not more than \$10,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Variance has been issued
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Repair or maintain other vehicles
 - Traffic congestion
 - Emission contained and treated per control officer
 - To perform a specific task
 - Maintenance at repair facility

Washoe County (including Reno)

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes
- **FINES**
 - First offense: < \$500
 - Second offense: > \$500, < \$1,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Snow removal equipment
 - Repair or maintain other vehicles
 - Traveling on public rights-of-way
 - To perform specific task
 - Maintenance at repair facility

NEW HAMPSHIRE Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes if more than 32 degrees
 - 15 minutes if 32 degrees to minus 10 degrees
 - No limit if below minus 10
- **FINES**
 - To be determined
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Power takeoff or heat/cool passengers
 - Maintenance or diagnostics
 - Defrost windshield
 - Less than 10 degrees

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NEW JERSEY Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
 - 15 minutes if stopped for 3 or more hours and less than 25 degrees
- **FINES** (passenger vehicles)
 - First offense: \$100
 - Second offense: \$200
 - Third offense: \$500
 - Subsequent offenses: \$1,500
 - Penalties for commercial vehicle and property owner
 - First offense: \$250
 - Second offense: \$500
 - Subsequent offenses: \$1,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Mechanical operations
 - Waiting or being inspected
 - Performing emergency services
 - Being repaired or serviced
 - Auxiliary power unit/generator set, bunk heaters etc.
 - Sleeper berth with 2007 or newer engine or diesel particulate filter

NEW YORK Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Not less than \$500 but not more than \$18,000 for first offense
 - Not more than \$22,500 for subsequent offenses
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Comply with passenger comfort laws
 - Auxiliary power or maintenance
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Within mines or quarries
 - Parked for more than 2 hours and less than 25 degrees
 - State inspections
 - Farm vehicles
 - Construction, lumbering, oil or gas well serving

Larchmont and Mamaroneck

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Temperature less than 40 degrees
 - Emergency vehicle
 - Engine being used to operate a loading or unloading or processing device

New Rochelle

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
- **FINES**
 - First offense: Up to \$50 and/or 15 days in jail
 - Second offense: Up to \$100 and/or 45 days in jail
 - Third and subsequent offenses (within 18 months): Up to \$250 and/or 90 days in jail
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Comply with passenger comfort laws

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New York City

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
 - 1 minute if adjacent to a public school
- **FINES**
 - First offense: not less than \$220 or more than \$1,000
 - Second offense (within 2 years): \$330-\$1,500
 - Third and subsequent offenses (within 2 years): \$440 to \$2,000
- **If Department of Environmental Protection issues the violation:**
 - First offense: \$300-\$1,000
 - Second offense: \$460-\$1,500
 - Third and subsequence offenses: \$620-\$2,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Operate loading, unloading or processing device

Peace Bridge (U.S.-Canada border; Niagara)

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - No idling
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - NA

Rockland County

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 consecutive minutes
- **FINES**
 - First offense: not more than \$250 and/or 15 days in jail
 - Second and subsequent offenses: not more than \$1,000 and/or 15 days in jail
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - NA

Saratoga Springs

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Up to \$250 per instance and imprisonment not to exceed 15 days
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Vehicles forced to remain motionless because of conditions
 - Vehicles complying with federal, state or local regulations
 - Vehicles left idling in order to maintain temperature within the vehicle necessary for the health of the driver/passengers
 - Operation of PTO

Westchester County

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Passenger comfort
 - Auxiliary or maintenance purpose
 - Mining and quarrying
 - Hybrid-electric vehicle providing energy for the battery

NORTH CAROLINA Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 consecutive minutes in any hour
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Manufacturer's recommendations
 - Auxiliary power units
 - California low-NOx idling label
 - Safety or health emergency
 - Heavy-duty farm vehicles

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OHIO

Cleveland

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 60-minute period
 - 10 minutes per hour at loading docks or loading areas
 - 10 minutes per hour if less than 32 degrees or more than 85 degrees
- **FINES**
 - \$150
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Service or repair
 - Vehicle safety inspection
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Idle-reduction technologies

Maple Heights

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 60-minute period
 - 10 minutes per hour at loading docks or loading areas
 - 10 minutes per hour if less than 32 degrees or more than 85 degrees

- To minimize per hour it must be registered in that state for engine
- **FINES**
 - \$150
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Service or repair
 - Vehicle safety inspection
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Idle-reduction technologies

South Euclid

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 0 minutes
 - 20 minutes per hour during loading and/or unloading
 - No limit when less than 32 degrees or more than 85 degrees
- **FINES**
 - First offense: \$50
 - Second and subsequent offenses (in a 12-month period): \$150
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Service or repair
 - Vehicle safety inspection
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Sleeper or resting in a sleeper berth
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Idle-reduction technologies
 - Queuing
 - Prevent safety or health hazard
 - Emergency vehicles

OREGON Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 60-minute period
 - 30 minutes if waiting to or in the act of loading or unloading
 - No idling near schools, regardless of temperature
- **FINES**
 - \$180 maximum
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Auxiliary power units and generator sets
 - Cargo temperature control to maintain cargo
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Operating defrosting, heating or air conditioners
 - Installing equipment to comply with manufacturer's specifications
 - Installing equipment to comply with state or local safety regulations
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Maintenance, service, repair or diagnostic purposes for particulate matter trap regeneration
 - Power work-related operations
 - Temperatures below 50 degrees or above 75 degrees during rest or sleep period or while waiting to load or unload
 - State or federal inspections

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Ashland

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - \$500 maximum and/or no more than 60 days of imprisonment
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - To operate equipment used to load or unload
 - Emergency vehicles

PENNSYLVANIA Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 60-minute period
 - 15 minutes an hour if sampling, weighing, or loading or unloading
- **FINES**
 - \$150 to \$300 per offense plus civil penalties up to \$1000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Prevent safety or health emergencies
 - Comply with manufacturer's specifications
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
 - Maintenance or repair
 - Federal or state inspections
 - Power work-related operations
 - Security inspections entering or exiting a facility
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Vehicles with CARB low-NOx idle labels
 - Temperatures below 40 degrees or above 75 degrees during rest or sleep period

Allegheny County

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
 - 20 minutes per hour if less than 40 degrees or more than 75 degrees
- **FINES**
 - First offense: warning
 - Second offense: \$100
 - Third and subsequent offenses: \$500
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Cool down/warm-up per manufacturer's recommendations
 - Sleeping/resting in truck
 - Safety inspections
 - Ensure safe operation
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Power accessory or service equipment
 - Repair or diagnostics

City of Philadelphia

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 2 minutes, or 0 minutes for layovers
 - 5 minutes if less than 32 degrees
 - 20 minutes if less than 20 degrees
- **FINES**
 - \$150-\$300
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - None

RHODE ISLAND

Tennes

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in any 1-hour period
 - 15 minutes per hour when between zero and 32 degrees
 - No limit when below zero
- **FINES**
 - First offense: not more than \$100
 - Second and subsequent offenses: not more than \$500
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Ensure health or safety of driver/passengers
 - Power work-related operations
 - Manufacturer's recommendations
 - Maintenance, service, repair or diagnostics
 - State or federal inspections
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
 - Perform intended functions
 - Auxiliary power unit/generator set

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SOUTH CAROLINA Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 10 minutes in any 1-hour period
- **FINES**
 - \$75 for each offense
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
 - Maintenance, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes
 - State or federal inspections
 - Power work-related operations
 - Sleeper berth A/C or heat during (a) rest or sleep periods; (b) less than 40 degrees or higher than 80 degrees; or (c) at rest areas, terminals, truck stops, or legal parking locations more than 500 ft. from homes or schools
 - While waiting to load/unload

TENNESSEE**Chattanooga**

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
 - No limit when more than 500 feet from nearest residential, recreational, institutional, retail sales, hotel or educational premises
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions

TEXAS

Counties of Bastrop, Caldwell, Collin, Hays, Kaufman, Tarrant, Travis and Williamson

Cities of Arlington, Austin, Bastrop, Benbrook, Cedar Hill, Celina, Colleyville, Dallas, Elgin, Euless, Georgetown, Hurst, Hutto, Keene, Lake Worth, Lancaster, Little Elm, Lockhart, Luling, Mabank, McKinney, Mesquite, North Richland Hills, Pecan Hill, Round Rock, Rowlett, San Marcos, University Park and Westlake

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Varies by jurisdiction
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - 14,000 pounds GVW or less
 - Equipped with 2008 or newer engine or liquefied/compressed natural gas engine certified by EPA to emit no more than 30 grams of NOx emissions per hour when idling
 - Traffic conditions
 - Emergency or law enforcement
 - To perform needed work
 - Maintenance or diagnostics
 - Defrost windshield
 - HOS compliance beyond 2 miles of available external heat or A/C connection

Houston

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - \$500-\$1,000 for each violation; each day in which any violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Motor vehicle that is equipped with a 2008 or subsequent model year heavy-duty diesel engine or liquefied or compressed natural gas engine that has been certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or another state environmental agency to emit no more than 30 grams of nitrogen oxides emissions per hour when idling
 - A motor vehicle forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions over which the operator has no control
 - The primary propulsion engine of a motor vehicle being used to provide air conditioning or heating necessary for employee health or safety while the employee is using the vehicle to perform an essential job function related to roadway or utility construction or maintenance
 - The primary propulsion engine of a motor vehicle providing a power source necessary for mechanical operation, other than propulsion, and/or passenger compartment heating, or air conditioning
 - The primary propulsion engine of a motor vehicle providing a power source necessary for mechanical operation, other than propulsion, and/or passenger compartment heating, or air conditioning
 - The primary propulsion engine of a motor vehicle being operated solely to defrost a windshield
 - The motor vehicle when idling is necessary to power a heater or air conditioner while a driver is using the vehicle's sleeper berth for a government-mandated rest period and is not within two miles of a facility offering external heating and air conditioning connections at a time when those connections are available

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San Antonio (pending)

TIME LIMIT

- 5 minutes
- **FINES**
 - N/A
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - 14,000+ lbs. GVWR vehicle with 2008 or newer heavy-duty diesel, liquefied natural gas, or compressed natural gas certified by EPA or state agency to emit less than 30 grams of nitrogen oxides per hour of idling
 - Vehicles with a sleeper berth, only during a government-mandated rest period
 - Idling due to traffic congestion
 - Motor run as power source for mechanical operations
 - Idling during operation for maintenance/diagnostic purposes
 - Operation of engine while defrosting a windshield
 - For employee health or safety while employee is using vehicle to perform an essential job function related to road construction or maintenance during a government-mandated rest period

UTAH**Park City**

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 1 minute (changed from 3 minutes as of June 2015)
- **FINES**
 - First, second and third offenses: warning
 - Fourth and subsequent offenses: \$30-\$110
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions
 - Emergency situations
 - Power auxiliary equipment

- Repair or inspection
- Health or safety (includes temperatures below 32 and above 90)
- Manufacturer's specifications

Salt Lake County

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes
- **FINES**
 - First, second and third offenses: warning
 - Fourth and subsequent offenses: up to \$1,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Reefer unit if more than 500 feet from any residence
 - To heat/cool sleeper-berth if more than 500 feet from any residence
 - Emergency vehicles

Salt Lake City

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 2 minutes
- **FINES**
 - First, second and third offenses: warning
 - Fourth and subsequent offenses: \$15-125
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic controls
 - Law enforcement
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - Vehicle inspection
 - Testing, service, maintenance or diagnostics
 - Manufacturer specifications
 - Power auxiliary equipment
 - Housing service animals
 - No limit to operate air conditioner or heater with temperatures below 32 or above 90

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VERMONT Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 5 minutes in an hour
- **FINES**
 - First offense: no more than \$10
 - Second offense: no more than \$50
 - Third and subsequent offenses: no more than \$100
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Rest-period idling
 - Traffic conditions
 - Health or safety of vehicle occupant
 - Operate safety equipment
 - Power work-related operations
 - Maintenance, service, repair

Burlington

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 3 minutes
- **FINES**
 - \$10 fine
 - If 30 days or more an additional \$13
 - If 90 days or more an additional \$24
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Reefers
 - Repair of vehicle
 - Install, maintain, or repair equipment or infrastructure
 - Health and safety of driver or passenger

VIRGINIA Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 10 minutes
- **FINES**
 - Not more than \$25,000
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Auxiliary power other than heating or A/C

WASHINGTON

Spokane

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 60 seconds while located in the Central Business District portion of the carbon monoxide nonattainment area
- **FINES**
 - NA
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Law enforcement and emergency vehicles
 - Construction/demolition equipment at the site of such work when necessary for operation
 - Power takeoff
 - Repair or maintenance

WEST VIRGINIA Statewide

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes in any 60-minute period
- **FINES**
 - \$150 to \$300
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Traffic conditions/controls
 - Prevent safety or health emergency
 - Comply with manufacturer's specifications or federal or state safety regulations
 - Emergency or law enforcement purposes
 - Maintenance, particulate matter trap regeneration, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes
 - State or federal inspections
 - Power work-related operations
 - Security inspections when entering or exiting a facility
 - Mechanical difficulties
 - Sleeper berth A/C or heat when less than 40 degrees or higher than 75 degrees at legal parking locations
 - Waiting for a police escort for a permitted load
 - California low-NOx idling label
 - Truck powered by clean diesel technology or biodiesel fuels
 - When necessary to operate defrosters, heater, A/C or cargo reefer equipment

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WISCONSIN

Madison

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 15 minutes (only applies on State Street)
 - No idling between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (only applies on State Street)
- **FINES**
 - First offense: \$25-\$200

- second and subsequent offenses (within 12 months): 30U-3200
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - Temperatures below 40 or above 80
 - Maintenance, construction or utility vehicles

WYOMING

Rawlins

- **TIME LIMIT**
 - 20 minutes for attended and unattended vehicles
 - Unattended vehicles have 5 minutes from time of police arrival to shut off or move the vehicle
- **FINES**
 - All offenses, \$60 bond
- **EXEMPTIONS**
 - When highway in/out of Rawlins is closed

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