

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
ORDINANCE NO. 4440-24**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 112, LAND DEVELOPMENT, ADDRESSING ANTI-IDLING SIGNAGE.**

**SUMMARY**

At its July 10, 2023 and August 21, 2023 meetings, the Franklin Township Environmental Commission (FTEC) reviewed and discussed recommendations for amendments to the Franklin Township Municipal Code (specifically the Land Development Code - §112) to include requirements for the installation of anti-idling signage. The FTEC submitted a memo dated August 23, 2023, to the Township Manager, Robert Vornlocker, compiling these recommendations.

Since that point, the FTEC has received and implemented feedback from the Township Manager which is included in this ordinance. These proposed amendments will work towards preventing instances of idling, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the release of harmful pollutants, and educate the public about the negative impacts of idling. The FTEC strongly feels that the requirement of anti-idling signage on specific newly developed properties, as well as existing and new properties owned by Franklin Township, will lead to positive behavioral changes that will improve the overall environment and health for our residents.

The following recommendations have been prepared using guidance from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Anti-Idling Regulations (NJAC 7:27-14 and 15), as well as careful review of the Township's Land Development Ordinance.

**SECTION I**

Chapter 112, Land Development – Article XII, Sign Regulations, shall be amended add new Section 112-114.2, "Anti-Idling Signage" as follows:

**§112-114.2      Anti-Idling Signage**

- A. Owners of all newly developed properties located in Franklin Township and as listed below, as of the date of adoption of this ordinance, shall post Anti-Idling signage at the owner's sole expense: all industrial, office and commercial sites (including but not necessarily limited to: convenience stores, grocery stores, shopping centers (including strip malls and other retail uses); private schools; private parks; private playgrounds; truck stops; stadiums and sports complexes; private athletic fields; rest stops; skilled nursing facilities; nursing homes; assisted care facilities; and houses of worship
- B. The location of Anti-Idling Signage that complies with NJDEP language must be shown on all site plans.
- C. Anti-Idling signs shall be posted at the following designated locations: entrances to driveways; designated drop-off and pick-up locations; personnel entrances, client/customers entrances, and driver entrance doors of commercial and industrial facilities; truck bays (minimum of one sign at every fourth bay.)

**SECTION II**

Each clause, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION III**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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This is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Council, Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey.

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