

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 28, 2008

**Austin Energy  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 2**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance amending City Code sections 6-1-51 and 6-1-52 relating to heavy-duty vehicle idling to comport with recently enacted state law changes.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Fred Blood, Sustainability Officer, 482-5340.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Environmental Board.

**Prior Council Action:** 5/20/98 – Adopt Early Action Plan; 8/2/2000 - Implement ozone reduction strategies; 10/05/00 – Clean fleet resolution; 3/20/01 – Negotiate O3 Flex Plan; 11/08/01 – Commit to O3 Flex Plan for regional ozone reduction; 12/4/03 – Approve the Clean Air Action Plan including a reduction of vehicle idling; 6/23/05 – Execute MOA between COA and TCEQ for implementation of heavy-duty vehicle idling limitation.

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Limiting heavy-duty vehicle idling is a key component to improve the region's air quality. The measure was initially implemented in the Austin-Round Rock MSA Early Action Compact (EAC). Stakeholder groups specifically requested this measure be included in the Compact as it offers significant emission reductions. The EAC signatories and members of the Clean Air Coalition are Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties and cities of Austin, Bastrop, Elgin, Lockhart, Luling, Round Rock and San Marcos. All EAC signatories committed to the measure.

To fully implement this rule, the COA must amend a related ordinance and include the changes that were made to make the rule consistent with Senate Bill 12 from the last legislative session. In general, the changes extend the date for the sleeper berth exemption to Sept. 1, 2009 and expands the locations where idling when is prohibited, adding within 1000 feet of a hospital and in residential areas (as defined by Local Government Code section 244.001). Vehicles with sleeper berths are also prohibited from idling at a location if there is an electrification facility within 2 miles of the location. The rule changes are effective on Feb. 21, 2008.