

STAFF MEMO

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: OCTOBER 18, 2021 / AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Bruce Roome, City Clerk, 303-987-7081

Subject: **LAKEWOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION – ANTI-IDLING**

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Sustainability Committee of the Lakewood Advisory Commission worked as a group to provide the City Council a report on promoting sustainable practices for protecting citizens' health and the environment. Sustainability Committee Member/LAC Secretary Jamie Cornell recorded the presentation, now posted on Lakewood Speaks, so that Council can watch the video before the meeting. Ms. Cornell will attend the meeting to field any questions that City Council has.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2019, City Council gave an assignment to LAC, asking them to research ways to reduce vehicle idling within the community.

BUDGETARY IMPACTS: The proposal itself has no fiscal impacts. If City Council approves the recommendations, there could be budgetary impacts for some areas of implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Sustainability Committee of the Lakewood Advisory Commission proposes the following recommendations:

- To demonstrate the City of Lakewood's leadership in sustainability and public health, adopt measures that will educate and encourage Lakewood citizens and City employees to reduce unnecessary idling.
- Provide anti-idling informational signs, using an anti-idling logo, at Lakewood Department of Motor Vehicle Offices, driving schools, Emission Testing centers, and respiratory clinics.
- Implement an idling reduction policy for Lakewood City vehicles, which recognizes that while City trucks presently need to idle to power safety lights, all unnecessary idling should be discouraged as a waste of taxpayer fuel and dollars.
- Add anti-idling information to the City's existing Sustainable Transportation website.
- Encourage Lakewood schools to develop their own student-led anti-idling programs.
- Encourage local businesses using drive-up takeout lines to provide posters asking customers to shut off their engines to reduce air pollution and protect the health of window employees exposed to car fumes.
- Offer anti-idling talks at Ward meetings.
- Request that the City research the costs/benefits of adding additional left and right turn signals and other traffic control measures to allow drivers to reduce time spent idling at traffic lights.

ALTERNATIVES: No alternatives are being proposed at this time.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: This item was promoted via the regular communication channels for an item coming before City Council.

NEXT STEPS: If City Council approves LAC recommendations, next steps will be for staff to research costs and implementation strategies.

ATTACHMENTS: Anti-Idling Report
PowerPoint Presentation

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