

Care for Clean Air, Be Idle-Free!

What is Idling?

Idling is leaving a vehicle's engine running while the vehicle is not in motion, for example, loading equipment. Idling vehicles are harmful to the environment. They emit pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and volatile organic compounds into the air.

Maricopa County Ordinance

Maricopa County Ordinance P-21, Vehicle Idling Restriction, restricts from idling for more than five (5) consecutive minutes, any device or combination of devices that meets all of the following criteria:

1. designed with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds; and
2. required under Arizona law (Arizona Revised Statute [ARS] Title 28 Chapters 7 and 9) to be registered; and
3. designed to operate on public highways; and
4. powered by a diesel engine.



Rule Requirements

- No owner or operator of a vehicle will permit the engine of the vehicle to idle for more than five consecutive minutes.
- Any owner or operator who violates this ordinance is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for the first violation and \$300 for a second or any subsequent violation.
- Each truck stop owner or operator and distribution center owner or operator must install and maintain a permanent sign(s) that is at least 12 inches by 18 inches in size indicating that the maximum idle time allowed in Maricopa County is five minutes. The sign(s) must be posted in a visible location(s), near the dispatcher, if applicable, and at a minimum contain the following language:
 - The County's vehicle idling information line, and
 - The amount of money the violator will be fined.



For rule exemptions and more information about Ordinance P-21, visit [Maricopa.gov/1951](https://www.maricopa.gov/1951).



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