

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-073**

Adopting County Policies to Reduce Benzene Pollution

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Protecting public health is a primary duty of Multnomah County, requiring it to take timely and appropriate actions to ensure that residents have clean air to breathe.
- b. The level of benzene, a known carcinogen, is well above safe levels in many Oregon communities.
- c. The principal source of this benzene in the ambient air is from automobile exhaust and the transfer of gasoline.
- d. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently adopted a rule to limit the level of benzene in gasoline in the Northwest by 2012. After 2012, the level of benzene in the Northwest will still be two times higher than the national safe average.
- e. The reduction of benzene vapors from idling engines and burning gas from tanks that are topped off can further reduce the levels in the ambient air around schools and provide improved air quality for residents.
- f. Encouraging and promoting efforts to reduce idling time and discouraging topping off cars' gasoline tanks.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. Is directed to adopt policies to diminish idling from County Fleet vehicles and commercial vehicles whenever reasonably possible, reduce idling time to no more than one minute in those vehicles, and eliminate topping off at County gasoline stations on County premises.
  - a. This policy should be written by the Office of County Management; specifically the Office of Sustainability and Fleet Management.
  - b. The Office of Sustainability and Fleet Management will present the Board with a final policy to be executed immediately no later than June 7, 2007.

2. Multnomah County will partner with the following private entities who will also adopt policies to diminish idling whenever reasonably possible from their fleet vehicles and topping off of gasoline tanks:
  - a. Elephants Deli
  - b. Hoffman Construction Inc.
  - c. Legacy Health Systems
  - d. Neil Kelly
  - e. New Seasons Markets
  - f. Providence Hospitals
  - g. Temp-Control Mechanical Corp.
  
3. Multnomah County, along with its private partners and the Oregon Toxics Alliance will educate and encourage county residents and schools to reduce idling and topping off.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2007.

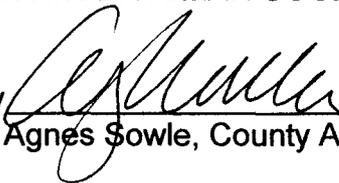


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