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Re: Council Order # 082 dated 9/28/98 - Re: Report on Regulations
Needed to Enforce Idling Trucks, Buses and Other Commercial Vehicles

Thomas F. O'Connor
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Dear Sir:

Gloria A. Pimentel
Deputy Superintendent

The provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90, 16A state:

Lieutenant Steven Williams
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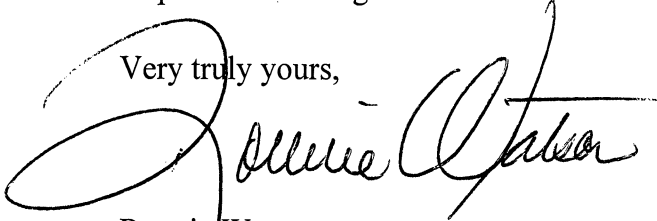
No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the unnecessary operation of the engine of a motor vehicle while said vehicle is stopped for a foreseeable period of time in excess of five minutes. This section shall not apply to (a) vehicles being serviced, provided that operation of the engine is essential to the proper repair thereof, or (b) vehicles engaged in the delivery or acceptance of goods, wares, or merchandise for which engine assisted power is necessary and substitute alternate means cannot be made available, or © vehicles engaged in an operation for which the engine power is necessary for an associate power need other than movement and substitute alternate power means cannot be made available provided that such operation does not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense, nor more than five hundred dollars for each succeeding offense.

The most significant exclusion is (b), which includes refrigerated delivery trucks. Other delivery trucks and commercial vehicles parked while the engine is idling for more than five minutes are subject to the provisions of this statute.

The Police Department is familiar with the provisions of this statute and is charged with its enforcement. All Uniformed Personnel, including those on "details" are charged with enforcement of this and other traffic laws, and will continue their efforts to actively enforce this and other related traffic laws.

The M.B.T.A. has been contacted to have their drivers comply with this statute. This Department will again contact them and the M.B.T.A. Police to enforce this statute.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronnie Watson", written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Watson
Police Commissioner

RW:smc



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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October 19, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 24, regarding a report on regulations needed to enforce idling trucks and other commercial vehicles, received from Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

Consent Agenda #5

6/5/98

Relative to AW Report #24
regarding a report on regulations
needed to enforce idling trucks
and other commercial vehicles.

In City Council October 19, 1998

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