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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Idling restrictions
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Dear members of the Santa Rosa Climate Action Subcommittee,

I recently had an experience where a work truck was parked on my street for over an hour with the engine running. It was a diesel truck that had lights flashing, and nobody in the cab.

I called The police department to ask if a car could drive by and check on what was going on. 15 minutes later a police car arrived and the officer seemed frustrated at the fact that I called. He said, "can't you see the truck is being used by someone who is doing their work"? I told him that the city has idle restrictions and that this truck was breaking them. He asked if I wanted to talk to the driver of the truck with him. I said "sure, but this guy, whoever he is hasn't been around for an hour." Finally, while I was talking to the officer, the driver of the truck came to the truck. We went up together and I asked him why he left the truck idling. He apologized profusely and said that he has to have it running to keep the battery going so that he could do his work. The officer asked me if I was satisfied and left. The truck kept running.

I don't believe the officer had any idea that our city has an idling Restriction policy.

Please notify the police department that these idle laws do exist and that there can be heavy fines for people who violate them. It's amazing how many people I talked to also did not realize that there were idling restrictions in Santa Rosa. Somehow the messages and getting out there. I hope this changes.

Thank you, Kevin Conway

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