

1 * * * Idling; Speeding; Public Outreach * * *

2 Sec. X. IDLING; PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

3 (a) The Department of Environmental Conservation, Air Quality and
4 Climate Division, in consultation with the Departments of Motor Vehicles and
5 of Public Safety, shall implement a public outreach campaign on idling that, at
6 a minimum, addresses that:

7 (1) in most cases, idling violates 23 V.S.A. § 1110;

8 (2) unnecessary idling harms human health, pollutes the air, wastes fuel
9 and money, and causes excess engine wear;

10 (3) based on estimates, if every motor vehicle in Vermont reduced
11 unnecessary idling by just one minute per day, over the course of a year
12 Vermonters would save over 1,000,000 gallons of fuel and over \$2,000,000.00
13 in fuel costs, and Vermont would reduce CO2 emissions by more than 10,000
14 metric tons; and

15 (4) while individual actions may be small, the cumulative impacts of
16 idling are large.

17 (b) The public outreach campaign shall disseminate information on idling
18 through e-mail; a dedicated web page on idling that is linked through the
19 websites for the Agency of Natural Resources and the Departments of
20 Environmental Conservation, of Motor Vehicles, and of Public Safety; social

1 media platforms; community posting websites; radio; television; and printed
2 written materials.

3 (c) The Department of Environmental Conservation, Air Quality and
4 Climate Division, in consultation with the Vermont League of Cities and
5 Towns, shall update all materials developed for the public outreach campaign
6 to be applicable to municipalities and shall disseminate those materials to
7 municipalities for use in local public outreach campaigns on idling.

8 Sec. Y. 24 V.S.A. § 4352 is amended to read:

9 § 4352. OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF ENERGY COMPLIANCE;

10 ENHANCED ENERGY PLANNING

11 (a) Regional plan. A regional planning commission may submit its adopted
12 regional plan to the Commissioner of Public Service appointed under
13 30 V.S.A. § 1 for a determination of energy compliance. The Commissioner
14 shall issue an affirmative determination on finding that the regional plan meets
15 the requirements of subsection (c) of this section and allows for the siting in
16 the region of all types of renewable generation technologies.

17 (b) Municipal plan. If the Commissioner of Public Service has issued an
18 affirmative determination of energy compliance for a regional plan that is in
19 effect, a municipal legislative body within the region may submit its adopted
20 municipal plan to the regional planning commission for issuance of a
21 determination of energy compliance. The regional planning commission shall

1 issue an affirmative determination, signed by the chair of the regional planning
2 commission, on finding that the municipal plan meets the requirements of
3 subsection (c) of this section and is consistent with the regional plan.

4 (c) Enhanced energy planning; requirements. To obtain an affirmative
5 determination of energy compliance under this section, a plan must:

6 (1) in the case of a regional plan, include the energy element as
7 described in subdivision 4348a(a)(3) of this title;

8 (2) in the case of a municipal plan, include an energy element that has
9 the same components as described in subdivision 4348a(a)(3) of this title for a
10 regional plan ~~and~~; be confirmed under section 4350 of this title; and include a
11 plan to provide municipal public outreach on the harms of idling, dangers of
12 operating a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit, and
13 financial and environmental benefits of operating a motor vehicle at less than
14 XX miles per hour;

15 (3) be consistent with the following, with consistency determined in the
16 manner described under subdivision 4302(f)(1) of this title:

17 (A) Vermont’s greenhouse gas reduction goals under 10 V.S.A.
18 § 578(a);

19 (B) Vermont’s 25 by 25 goal for renewable energy under 10 V.S.A.
20 § 580;

21 (C) Vermont’s building efficiency goals under 10 V.S.A. § 581;

