

TOWN OF BLUFF, UTAH ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE IDLING OF GROUND TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES WITHIN TOWN LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluff, Utah is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, idling motor vehicles contribute to air pollution and unnecessary fuel consumption, which negatively impacts public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, reducing unnecessary idling, including from commercial vehicles carrying or transporting hazardous materials serves the public interest by reducing emissions and minimizing potential exposure to pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends for this Ordinance to be primarily educational in nature and to promote voluntary compliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH:

SECTION 1: Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. **Idle** means the operation of a vehicle engine while the vehicle is stationary or not in the act of performing work or its normal function.
- B. **Ground Transportation Vehicle** means a motor vehicle used for the transportation of persons, used in ride or shared ride, on demand, or for hire transportation of passengers or baggage over public highways.
- C. **Public Property** means property owned, leased, or controlled by a governmental entity and open to public use.
- D. **Private Property Open to the Public** means privately owned property where the public is invited or permitted, including parking lots and commercial premises.
- E. **Traffic Control Device** shall mean temporary or permanent signs, signals, markings and devices placed on, or adjacent to, a street or highway by a public body having authority to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.

SECTION 2: Idling Limitation

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no owner or operator of a ground transportation vehicle shall cause or permit the vehicle to idle for more than **fifteen (15) consecutive minutes** while stationary.

SECTION 3: Applicability

- A. This Ordinance may be enforced in Commercial and Residential Zones, on:
 - 1. Public property; and
 - 2. Private property open to the general public.

- B. This Ordinance shall not apply on private property open to the public where the property owner:
1. Operates a business with a drive-through component and posts signage, provided by or approved by the Town, informing customers of the Town's idling time limit; or
 2. Has adopted an idle reduction education policy approved by the Town.

SECTION 4: Exemptions

The following exemptions shall apply:

- A. Ground transportation vehicles stopped due to traffic congestion or traffic control devices.
- B. Emergency vehicles performing official duties.
- C. Ground transportation vehicles required to idle for maintenance, inspections, or safety procedures as mandated by state or federal regulations.
- D. Ground transportation vehicles idling during extreme weather conditions when necessary for occupant safety

SECTION 5: Enforcement and Warnings

- A. The Bluff Town Mayor or designated enforcement officer shall have the authority to enforce this ordinance.
- B. A person shall be issued at least one (1) warning citation for a violation of this ordinance prior to the issuance of a fine.
- C. Enforcement shall be conducted in a manner that ensures the safety of law enforcement personnel, including the use of officer discretion and avoidance of hazardous conditions.

Section 6: Penalties

- A. Following the issuance of a warning citation, a violation of this Ordinance may result in a fine of \$110.
- B. Subsequent, repeated violations may be treated as separate offenses, resulting in fines up to \$1080 per offense.

SECTION 5: Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of Bluff, Utah at a duly noticed public meeting on this 7^m day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Josh Ewing	X			
Mayor Pro-Tem Britt Hornsby	X			
Town Council Member Jennifer Davila	X			
Town Council Member Gary Haws				X
Town Council Member Spencer Wade	X			

TOWN OF BLUFF

BY:


 Josh Ewing
 Mayor, Town of Bluff



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ATTEST:


 Erin Nelson
 Bluff Town Recorder

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