

TOWN OF BLUFF, UTAH ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____
AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE IDLING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
WITHIN THE 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 vehicles contribute to air pollution and unnecessary fuel consumption, which negatively impacts public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the idling of commercial vehicles carrying or transporting hazardous materials within town limits serves the public interest by reducing emissions and minimizing potential exposure to hazardous substances;

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. "Commercial Vehicle" shall mean any vehicle used for the purpose to transport goods or passengers, as classified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
- B. "Idling" shall mean the running of an engine while the vehicle is stationary for more than two (2) consecutive minutes.
- C. "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: Prohibition on Idling

No Commercial Vehicle shall idle within the town limits of Bluff, Utah, for more than two (2) consecutive minutes.

SECTION 3: Exemptions

The following exemptions shall apply:

- A. Commercial vehicles stopped due to traffic congestion or traffic control devices.
- B. Emergency vehicles performing official duties.
- C. Vehicles required to idle for maintenance, inspections, or safety procedures as mandated by state or federal regulations.

SECTION 4: Enforcement and Penalties

- A. The Bluff Town Mayor or designated enforcement officer shall have the authority to enforce this ordinance.
- B. Any person or entity found in violation of this ordinance shall be fined up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per offense.
- C. Repeated violations may result in additional financial penalties.

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 by the Bluff Town Council at a duly noticed public meeting on this _____ day of _____, 2025 by the following vote:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Ann Leppanen				
Mayor Pro-Tem Britt Hornsby				
Town Council Member Davila				
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Town Council Member				

BY:

Ann K. Leppanen
Mayor, Town of Bluff

ATTEST:

Linda Sosa
Bluff Town Recorder

RECORDED THIS _____ day of _____, 2025.

PUBLISHED/POSTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Certificate of Passage and Publication /Posting.

In accordance with §10-3-713 of Utah State Code, as amended, I, _____ of Bluff, Utah, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and published or posted on the above referenced dates at:

- 1) Bluff Community Center Town Offices
- 2) Utah Public Notice Website
- 3) Town of Bluff Website

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