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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, air pollution hazard to the public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago intends to reduce the potential risk of harm to the public health, safety, and welfare and to the environment from releases of air contaminants from buildings, structures, facilities, devices, processes, or other air pollution sources within the City; and

WHEREAS, unnecessary of vehicles idling causes the release of a variety of pollutants, such as nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, particulate matter, and other chemicals that form ground-level ozone; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Chicago have acknowledged that idling limitations are a practical way to reduce air pollution and continue to make Chicago a green city leader; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2009, the Chicago City Council passed an anti-idling ordinance intended to reduce the amount of fumes emitted from diesel-powered vehicles that pollute the City; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's anti-idling law strengthened the requirements set by the State of Illinois in 2006 by limiting idling for large diesel-powered vehicles to three (3) minutes rather than the ten (1) minutes under the State of Illinois limitations; and

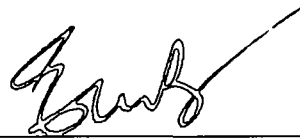
WHEREAS, these laws do permit idling in order to supply heat when the temperature is less than 32°F and to supply air conditioning when the temperature is greater than 80°F; and

WHEREAS, violators of Chicago's anti-idling law are subject to a \$250 fine; and

WHEREAS, according to a November 21, 2010 *Chicago Tribune* article, only 34 tickets have been issued since 2006 for excessive idling in Chicago and Chicago Police have not written any tickets for violating Chicago's anti-idling law; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue, Chicago Police Department, Department of Environment, and the office of Emergency Management and Communications are authorized to enforce Chicago's anti-idling law; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby invite representatives from the Department of Revenue, Chicago Police Department, Department of Environment, and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications to appear before the Committee on License and Consumer Protection to testify at a hearing concerning the enforcement of Chicago's anti-idling ordinance.


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