## COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
### STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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**I.        Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to eliminate the unnecessary idling of police vehicles by officers as part of an effort to reduce fuel consumption and reduce the City's environmental footprint.

**II.       Statement of Policy**

It shall be the policy of the Covington Police Department that no police vehicle will be allowed to remain idling in a non-emergency situation.  An idling vehicle gets zero (0) miles per gallon, produces unnecessary pollution that contributes to smog and health problems, causes premature engine wear, and wastes fuel.

**III.      Procedures**

A.  It is the policy of the Covington Police Department that officers turn off their police vehicles while not engaged in an emergency situation and stopped at a fixed position. Officers are encouraged to take advantage of fixed positions that would provide a law enforcement presence.

B.  The following situations are examples of emergency situations, and would allow for the idling of police vehicles:

1.The vehicle is occupied in the course of law enforcement activities (e.g., monitoring traffic, surveillance, working stationary radar, writing reports, etc.)

2. Police vehicles working traffic enforcement details

3. Inclement weather situations to provide shelter for the officer

4. To provide heating of cooling of the vehicle when occupied by a police canine (K9).

5. When an officer is involved in an emergency incident (e.g., traffic stop, motorist assist, traffic accident, traffic direction, etc.)

6. When necessary to provide uninterrupted service (e.g., radio transmission, computer network service, or operation of the vehicle's emergency equipment, etc.)

***This SOP supersedes any SOP previously issued.***

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

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