

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SPECIAL ORDER**



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT: <b>Manual Revision – 4-402 Vehicle Idling</b>			APPROVED BY: <i>Chief Dolan</i>

MP-8806

*From Chief Dolan: Thank you for your comments concerning the Idling Policy, from OAC and other meetings and through e-mails to Police Administration. They were very helpful in finalizing this policy.*

**Introduction:** This policy is being revised to modify the circumstances regarding when idling police vehicles is permitted.

Idling is not allowed at off-duty jobs whether the vehicle is occupied or not; except in rare circumstances with written permission granted via the [Off-Duty Employment Idling Request Form \(MP-9060\)](#). **NOTE:** Approvals must be by a Commander (not supervisor) and then Bureau Head.

The violation range is changing from Category A to Category A-B.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 4-402 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

**4-402 VEHICLE IDLING (07/26/02) (12/08/06) (04/23/10)**  
~~(A)~~ (A-B)

Idling of unoccupied marked and unmarked police vehicles shall be prohibited except in the following circumstances:

- The squad is a K-9 vehicle with the dog inside;
- The vehicle is double-parked or otherwise impeding traffic away from the curb due to a call, ~~at City Hall~~ or at a crime scene and requires the emergency lights to remain on;
- During a traffic stop;
- During any police action taking place real-time in which the ~~officer~~ employee has to momentarily leave the vehicle but plans to be returning quickly – such as a response to calls.

- In inclement weather where leaving a squad running is necessary to provide uninterrupted service.

~~Officers~~ Employees shall not leave unoccupied ~~squads~~ police vehicles idling in precinct parking lots, ~~at off-duty jobs,~~ or while OTL.

Employees shall not idle police vehicles at off-duty jobs whether they occupy the vehicle or not, without prior written permission granted via the Off-Duty Employment Idling Request Form (MP-9060).

~~Officers~~ Employees shall not intentionally position an unoccupied ~~squad~~ police vehicle in a double-parked or traffic-impeding position so as to meet the conditions above, if not on a call or at a crime scene, ~~or inside City Hall for business reasons.~~