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South Jordan Passes “Idle Free” Resolution for Cleaner Air

SOUTH JORDAN, UT – October 18, 2019 –Air pollution is a public health and environmental concern in the State of Utah and everyone plays a role in fighting it. That is why, this week, South Jordan City passed Resolution R2019-58 or the “Idle Free South Jordan” resolution.

“South Jordan is committed to doing its part in creating cleaner air for our residents, and the residents of Salt Lake County,” said South Jordan Mayor Dawn Ramsey.

This decision follows Gov. Gary Herbert’s 12th Annual Governor’s declaration for “Idle Free Utah,” the State Legislature passing HB148, a “Vehicle Idling Revisions” bill, and at least ten other cities who have endorsed idle free practices by either resolution or ordinance.

“According to the Environmental Defense Fund, more than 10 seconds of idling consumes more fuel than restarting that vehicle,” Mayor Ramsey said.

South Jordan is committed to the health and wellbeing of residents, and will be starting an educational campaign on air quality. Simple things, such as turning off the car instead of idling, can reduce harmful pollutants.

“Air quality is a public health concern that affects all of us. By being mindful and working together, we can move the needle toward cleaner air,” said Mayor Ramsey.

The resolution is meant to encourage responsible reduction of idling in vehicles and is not enforceable by citation or fine. Compliance is voluntary.

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South Jordan is the 12th fastest growing city in the U.S., according to census data. The City is proud to be named WalletHub’s 2nd Best City for Access to Resources and the 22nd Best Place Overall in America for 2018. We are honored to be chosen by USA Today, for being chosen as one of the Top 50 Best Cities in America to Live In in 2017, with the highest ranking of any city in the state, and to have

South Jordan's Daybreak Community named the Best Place in America to Retire, by Where to Retire Magazine.