

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# *BY-LAW*

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 059-2026**

**A By-law to amend Idling By-law 170-2004, as amended, to exempt zero-emission vehicles, vehicles involved in jump-starting another vehicle or whose engines are being used to power other equipment, and vehicles where idling is necessary to cool or heat cargo.**

**WHEREAS** section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly as to confer broad authority on a municipality to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate, and enhance its ability to respond to municipal issues;

**AND WHEREAS** section 11(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may pass by-laws for the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change, and the health, safety and well-being of persons;

**AND WHEREAS** motor vehicles are sources of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxides and volatile organic compounds that impact the City of Vaughan's outdoor air;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Vaughan has committed to reducing emissions contributing to climate change and poor air quality;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan seek to update the City's Idling By-law to address electric vehicles and circumstances in which vehicles are idling in order to provide assistance, power another machine, or cool or heat cargo;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. To amend Idling By-law 170-2004, as amended, to:
  - (a) add section 5.0 (1)(l) as follows: "*Motor Vehicles*, such as electric vehicles, which do not produce environmentally harmful emissions while idling, such as, greenhouse gases produced by use of fossil fuels;
  - (b) add section 5.0(1)(m) as follows: "*Motor Vehicles* actively involved in jumpstarting another vehicle's battery, or otherwise providing power to

operate other equipment”;

- (c) add section 5.0(1)(n) as follows: “*Motor Vehicles where Idling* is necessary to heat or cool cargo”.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Steven Del Duca, Mayor

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Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 6 of Report No. 15 of the Committee of the Whole.  
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on March 24, 2026.  
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on March 24, 2026.  
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 006-2026 dated March 24, 2026.  
**Effective Date of By-Law: March 24, 2026**